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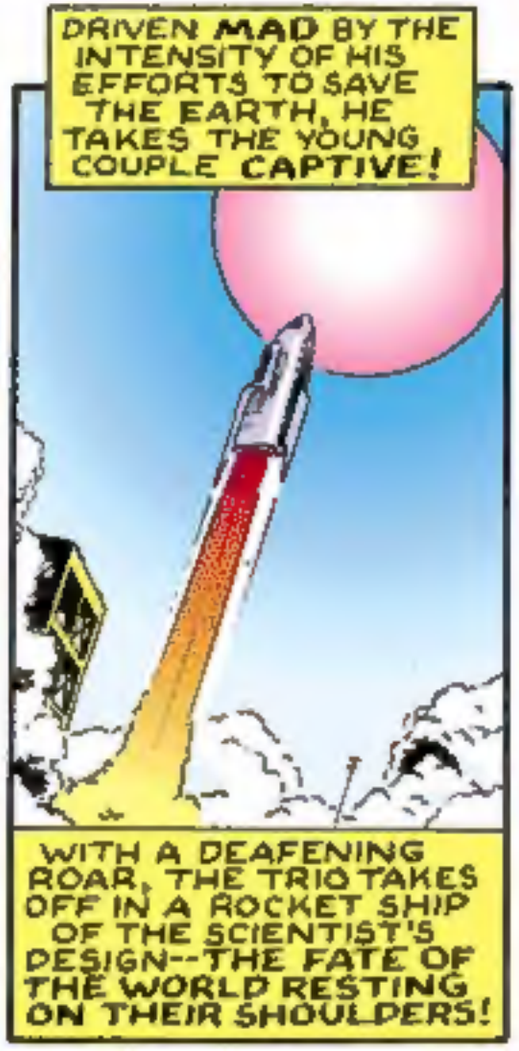

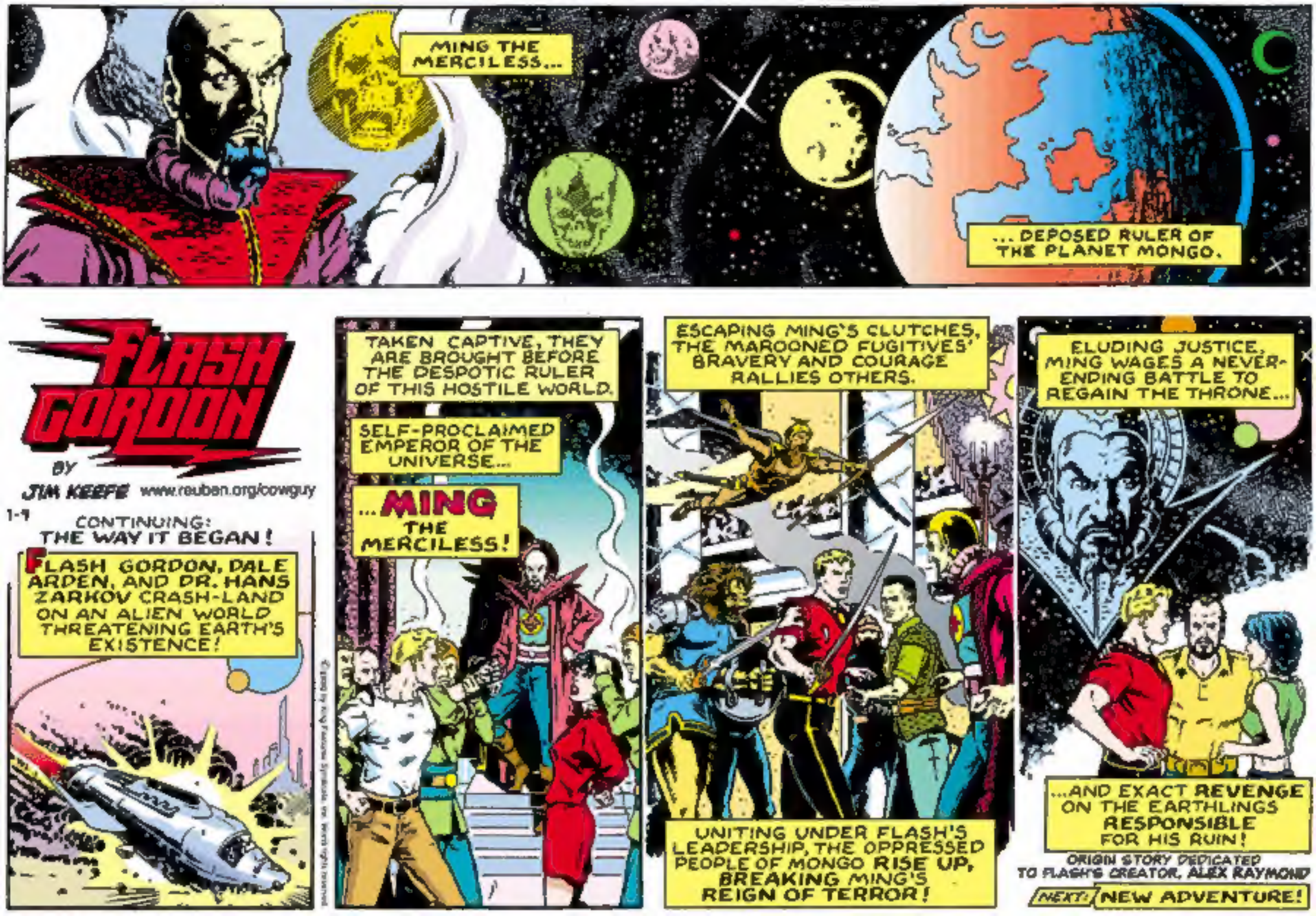
MING THE MERCILESS...
...DEPOSED RULER OF THE PLANET MONGO.
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CONTINUING: THE WAY IT BEGAN!
FLASH GORDON, DALE ARDEN, AND DR. HANS ZARKOV CRASH-LAND ON AN ALIEN WORLD THREATENING EARTH'S EXISTENCE!
TAKEN CAPTIVE, THEY ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THE DESPOTIC RULER OF THIS HOSTILE WORLD.
SELF-PROCLAIMED EMPEROR OF THE UNIVERSE...
...MING THE MERCILESS!
ESCAPING MING'S CLUTCHES, THE MAROONED FUGITIVES' BRAVERY AND COURAGE RALLIES OTHERS.
UNITING UNDER FLASH'S LEADERSHIP, THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF MONGO RISE UP, BREAKING MING'S REIGN OF TERROR!
ELUDING JUSTICE, MING WAGES A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE TO REGAIN THE THRONE...
...AND EXACT REVENGE ON THE EARTHLINGS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS RUIN!
ORIGIN STORY DEDICATED TO FLASH'S CREATOR, ALEX RAYMOND
NEXT: NEW ADVENTURE!

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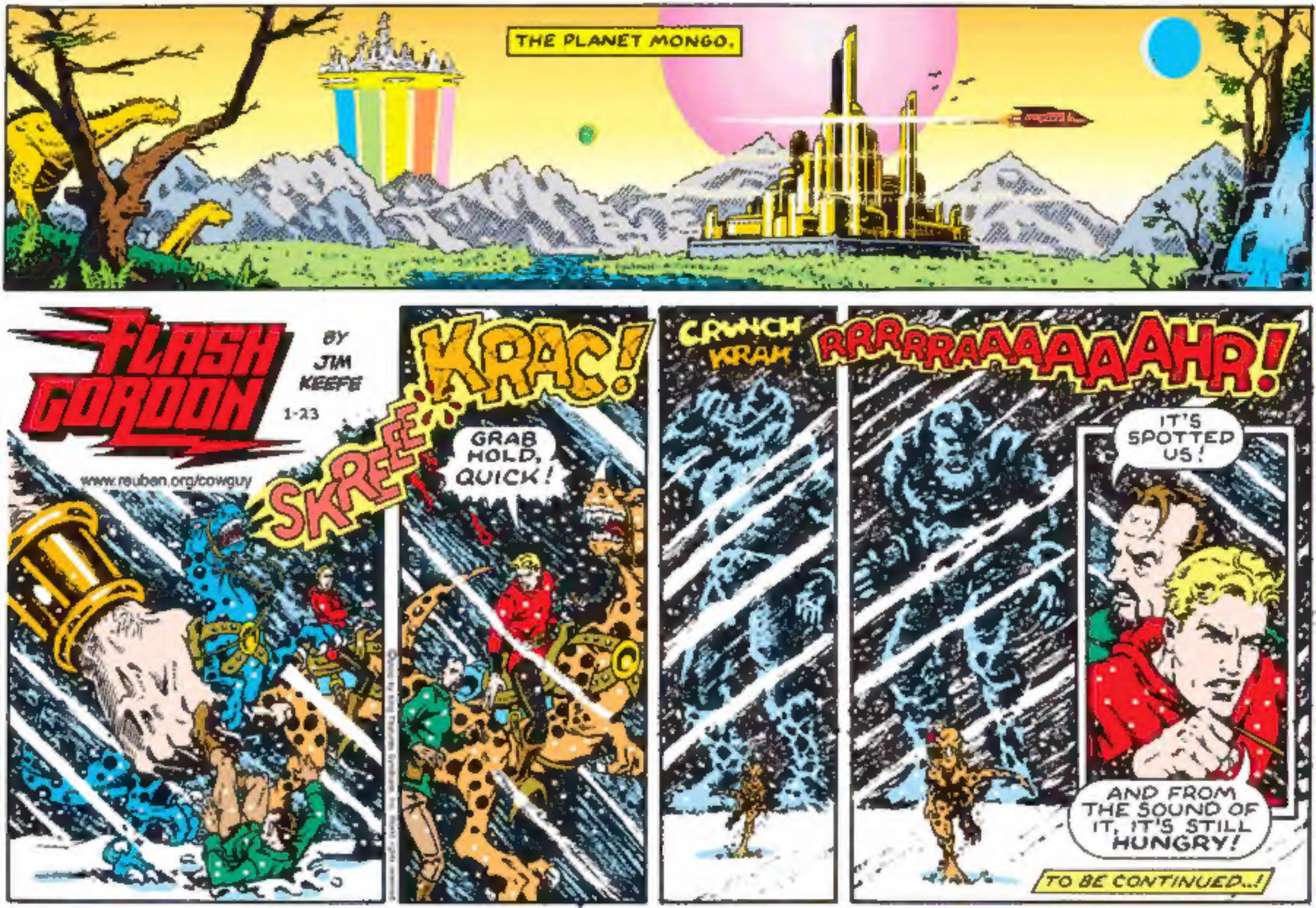
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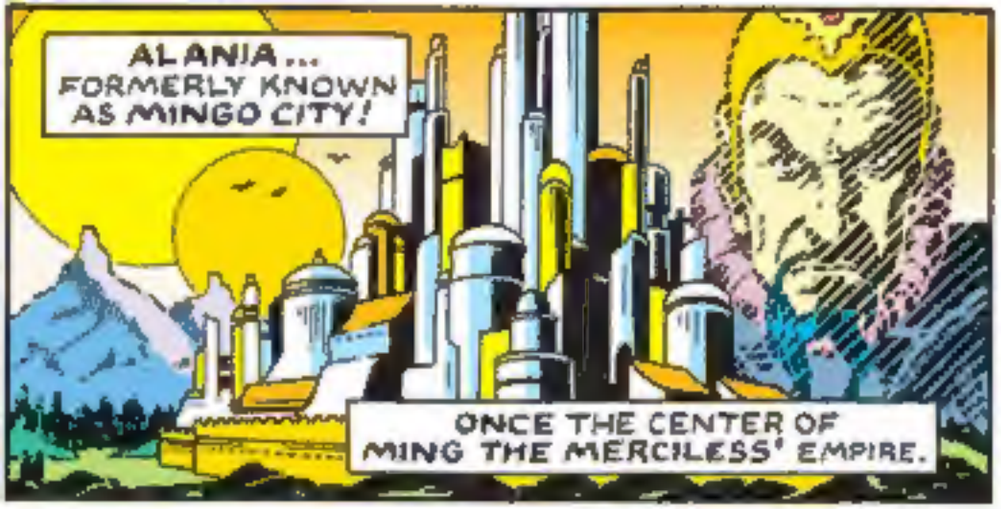
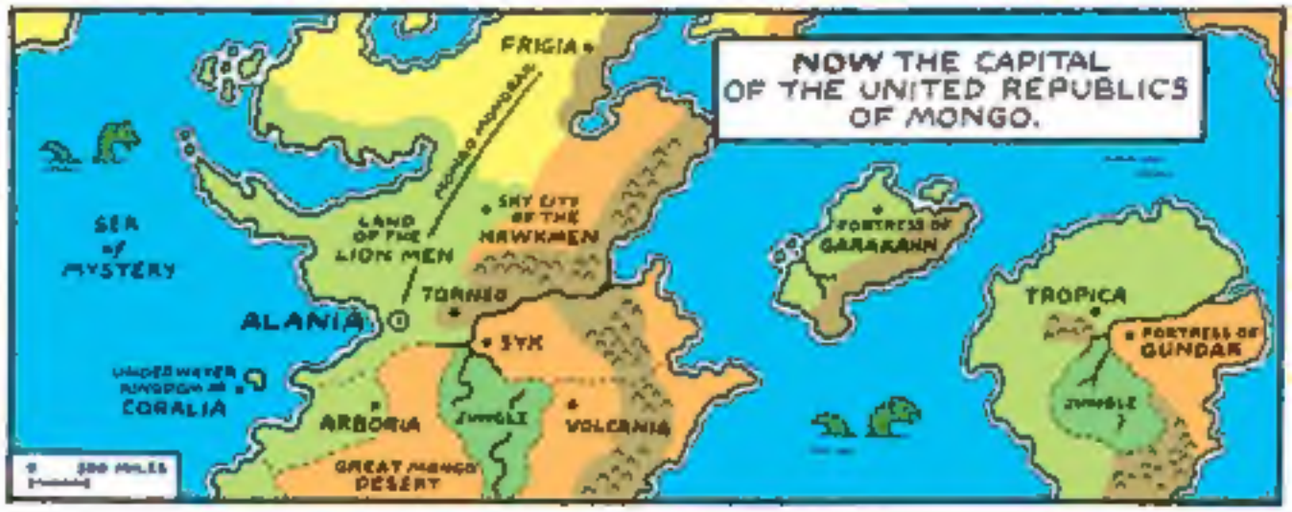
SKREE
KRAC!
GRAB HOLD, QUICK!
CRUNCH KRAK
RRRRRAAAAAAAHR!
IT'S SPOTTED US!
AND FROM THE SOUND OF IT, IT'S STILL HUNGRY!
TO BE CONTINUED...!





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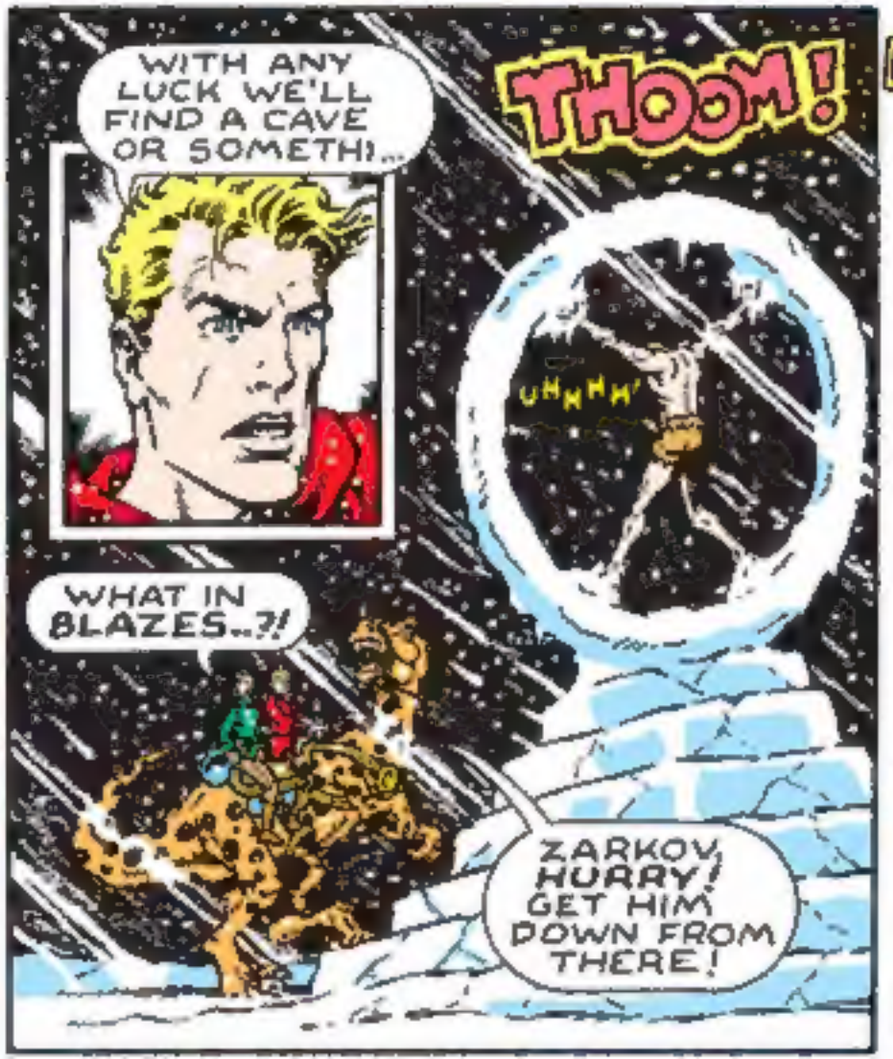

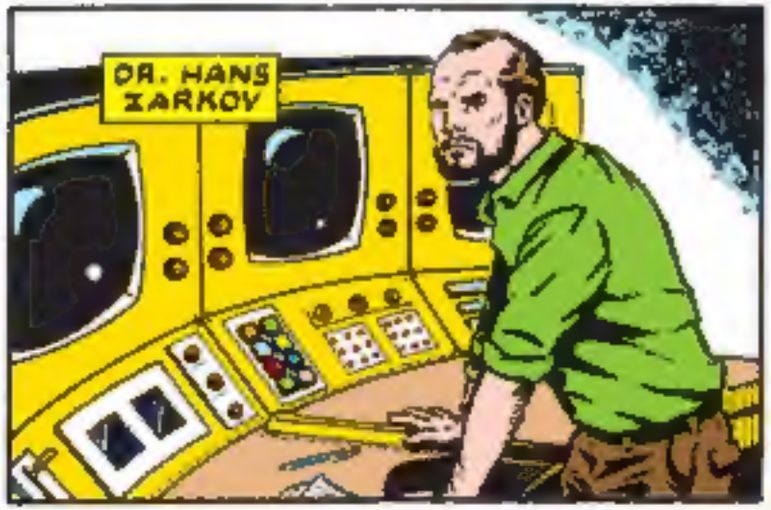

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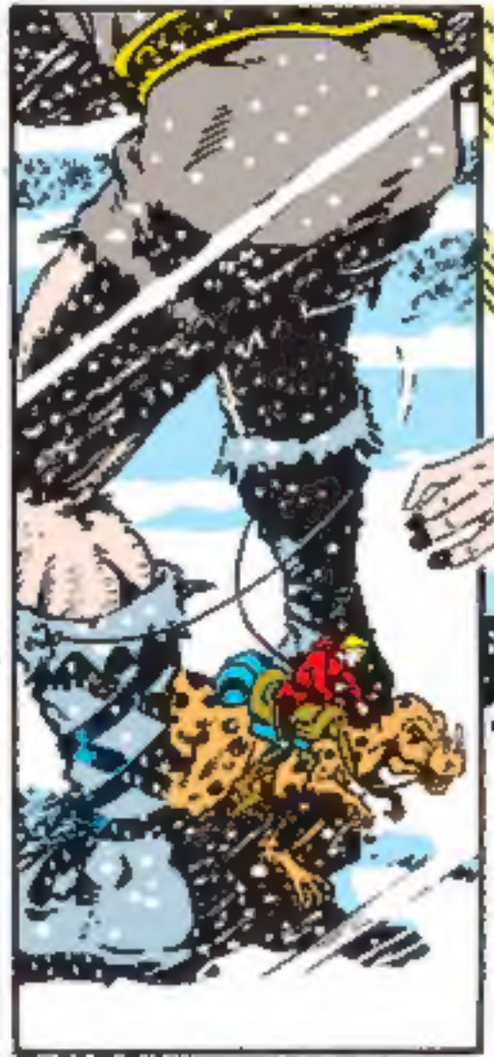
SNATCHING A GRAPPLING HOOK FROM HIS SADDLEBAG, FLASH CHARGES THE GIANT!

ONLY GOING TO GET ONE CHANCE AT THIS...

...SO I BETTER MAKE IT COUNT!



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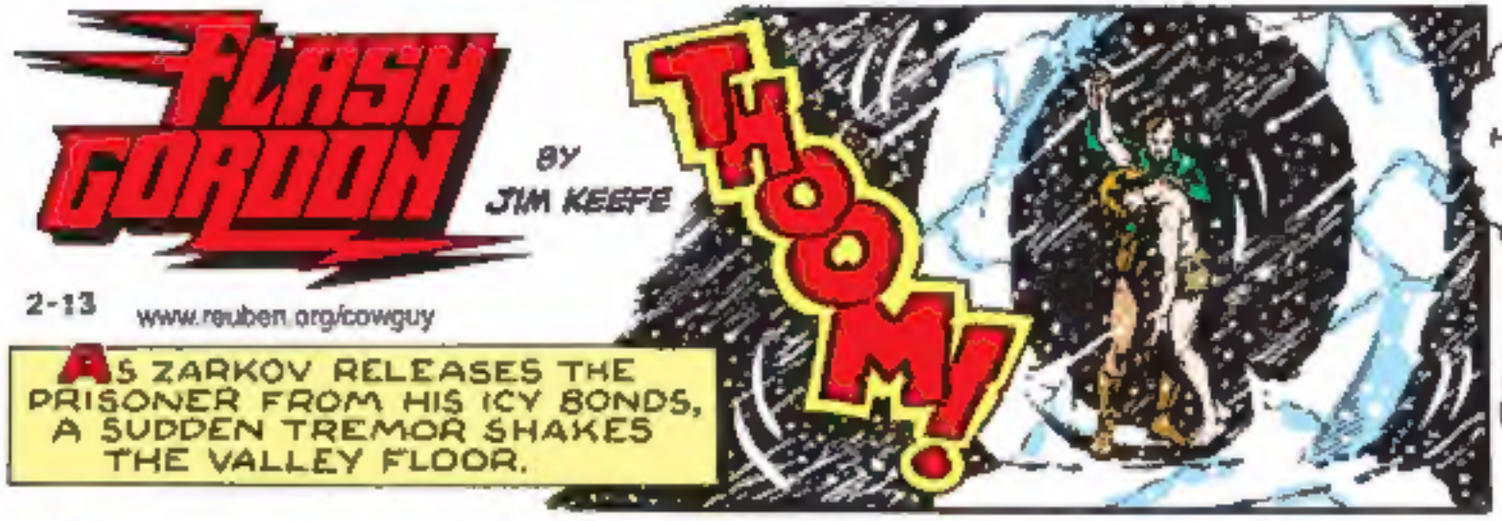

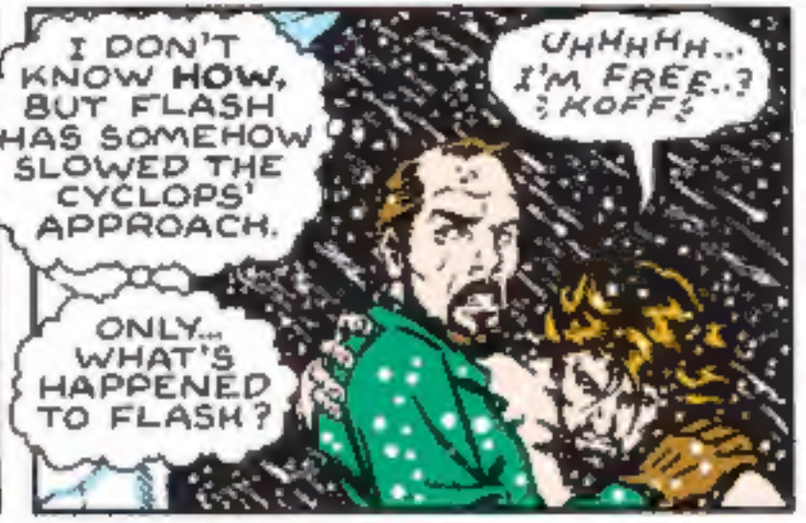

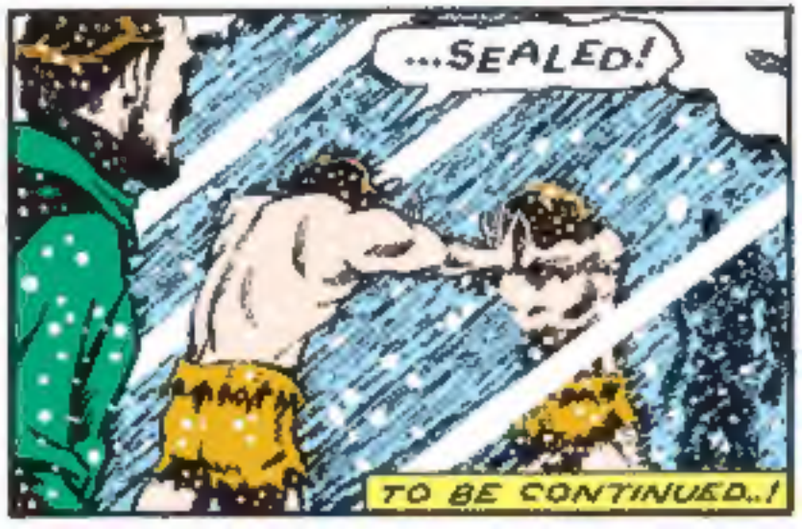

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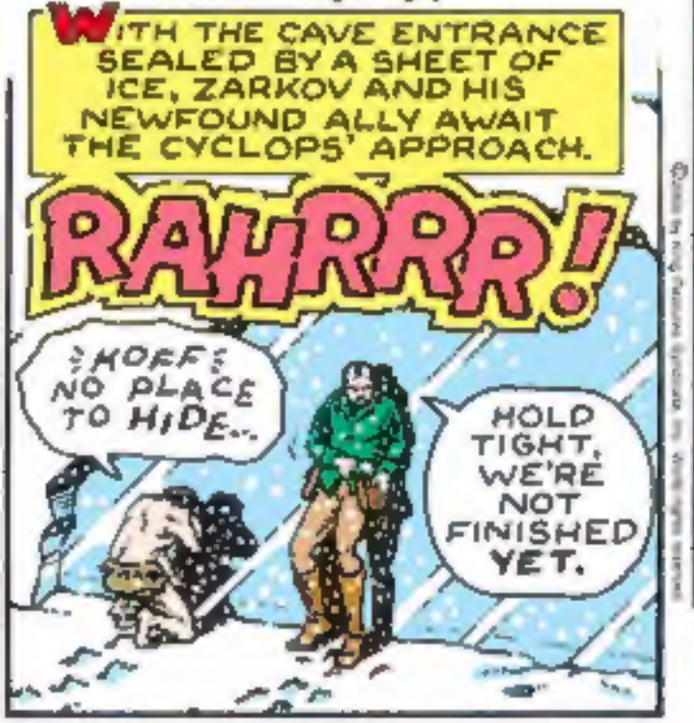

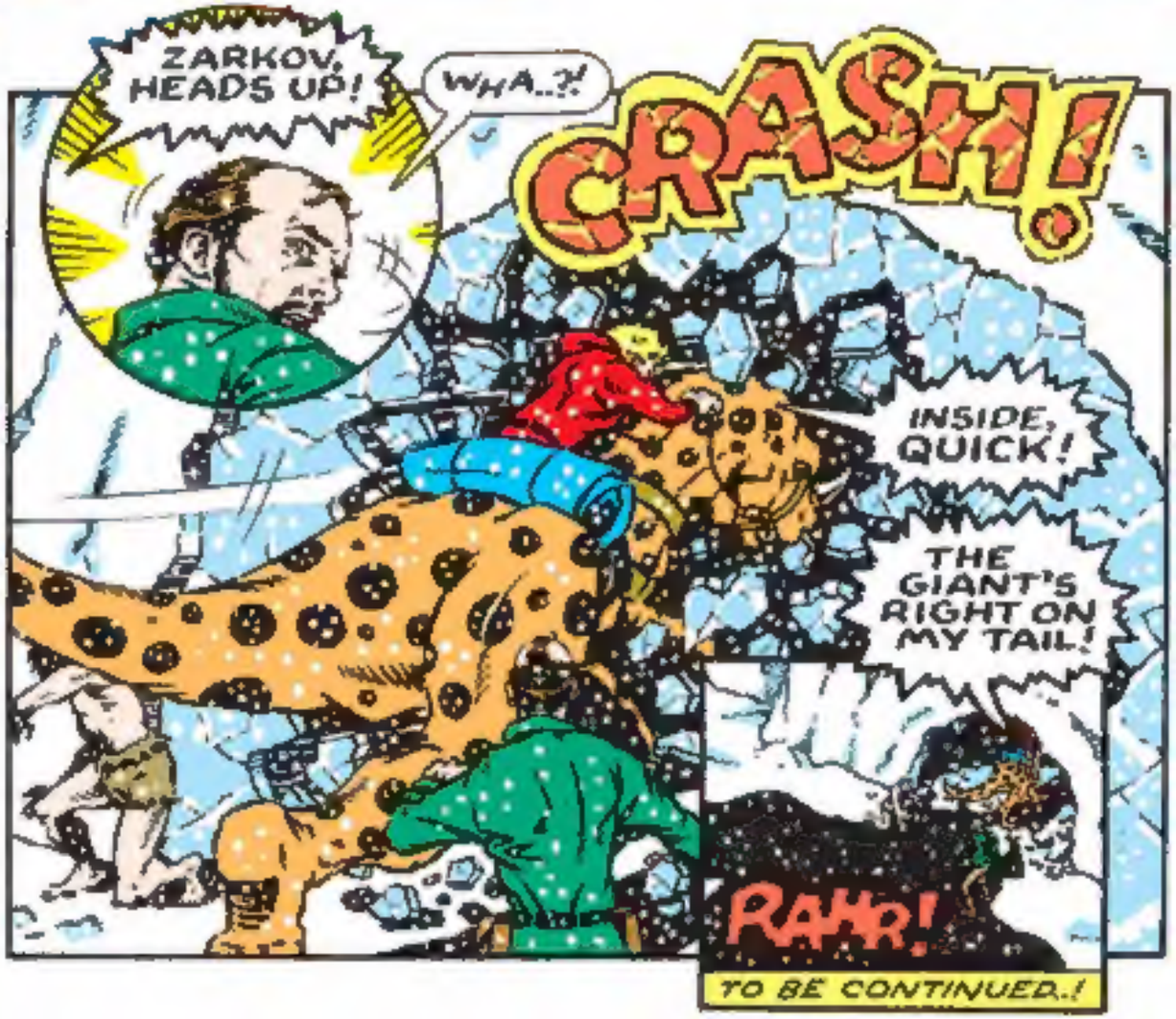

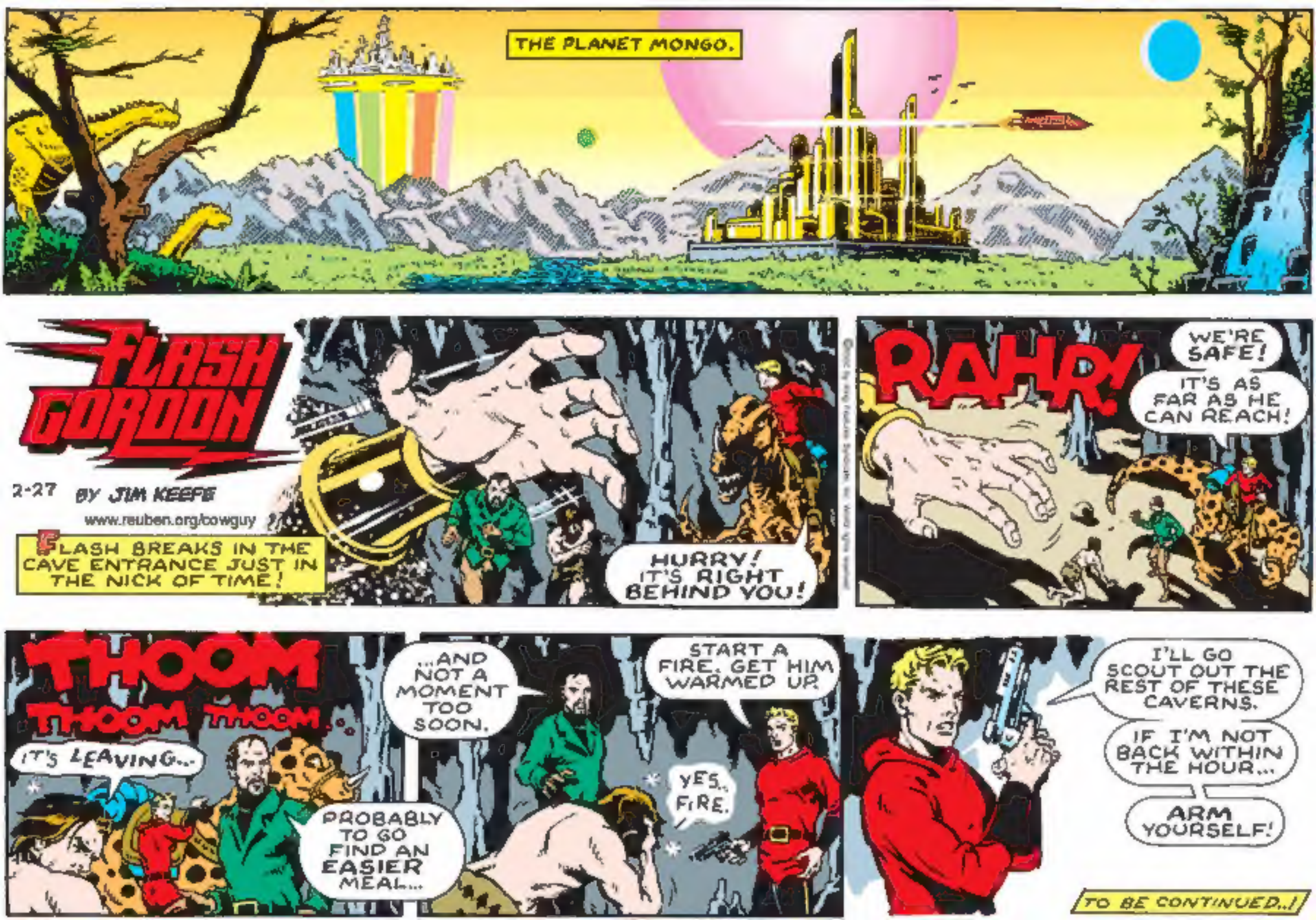
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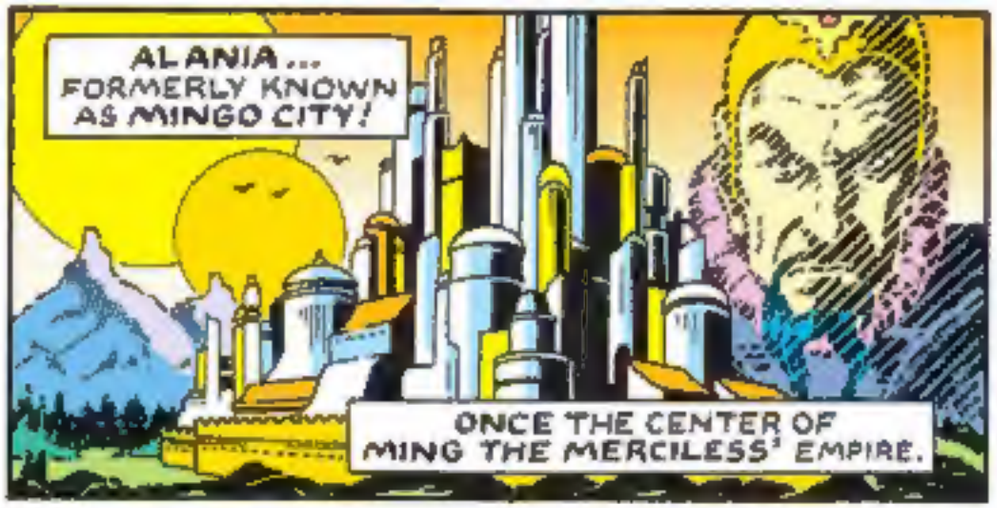
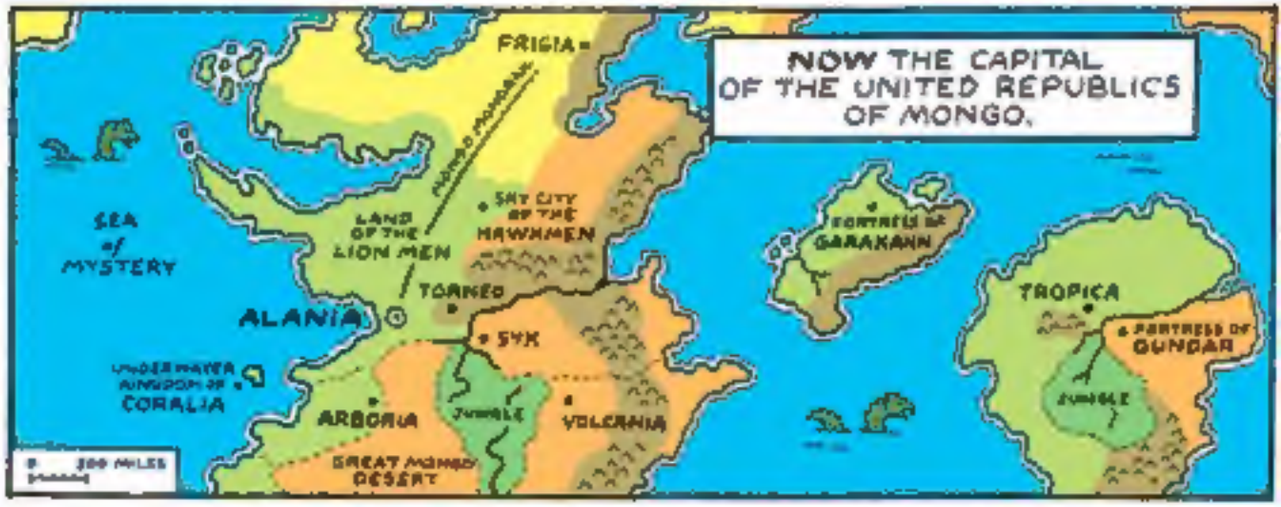
FLASH BREAKS IN THE CAVE ENTRANCE JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!
HURRY! IT'S RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
RAHR!
WE'RE SAFE!
IT'S AS FAR AS HE CAN REACH!
THOOM THOOM THOOM
IT'S LEAVING...
...AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON.
PROBABLY TO GO FIND AN EASIER MEAL...
START A FIRE. GET HIM WARMED UP.
YES... FIRE.
I'LL GO SCOUT OUT THE REST OF THESE CAVERNS.
IF I'M NOT BACK WITHIN THE HOUR...
ARM YOURSELF!
TO BE CONTINUED..!





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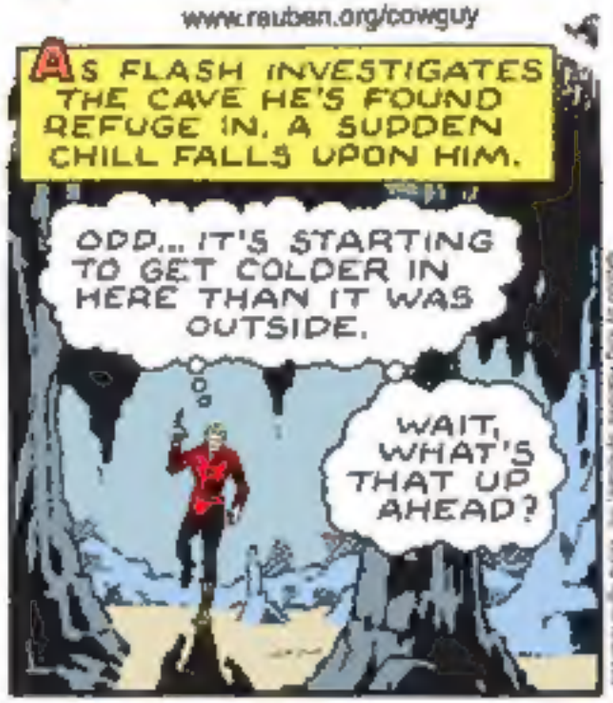

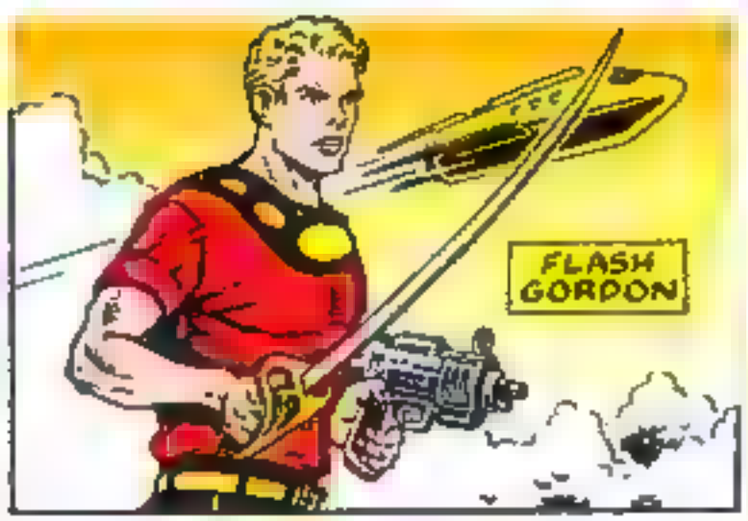

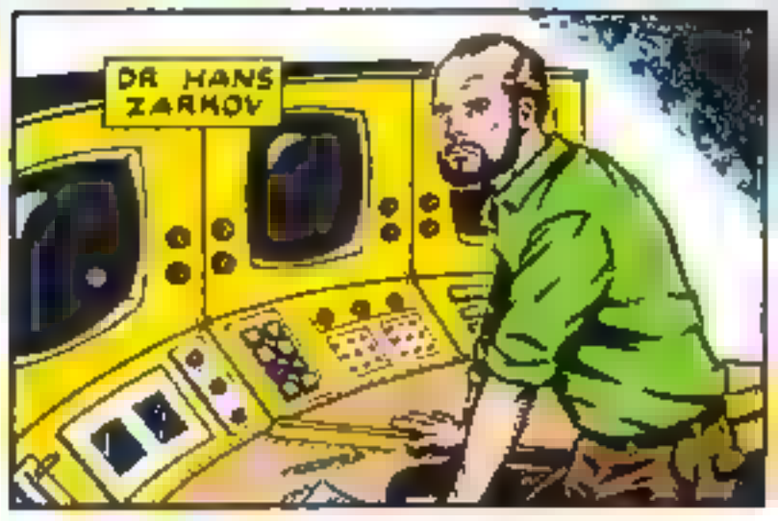

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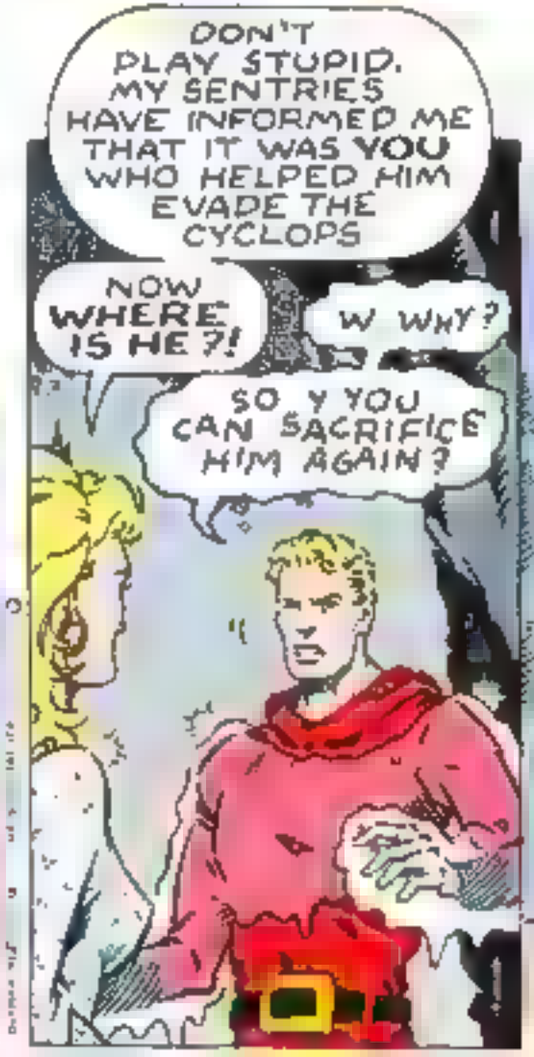

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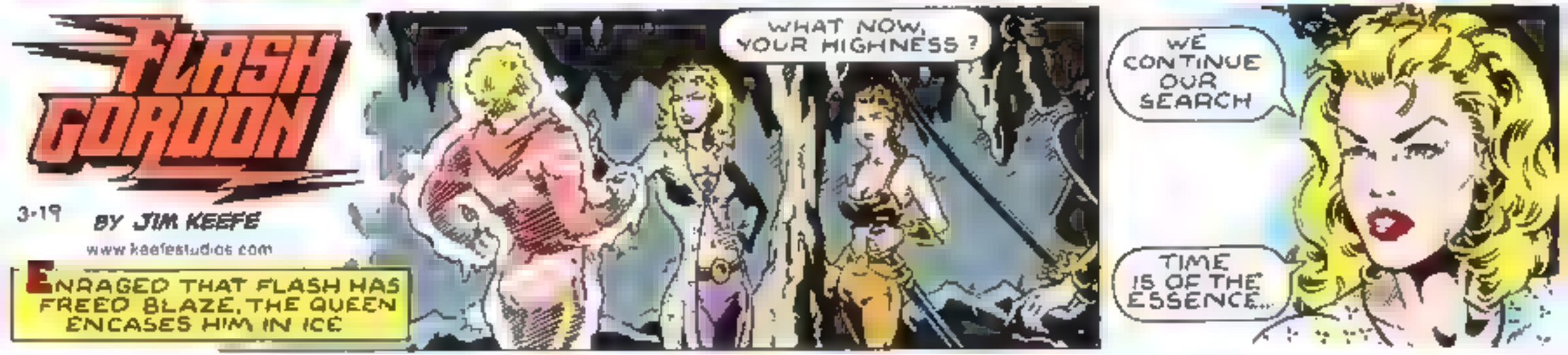

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ZARKOV STEPS BACK AGHAST AS THE MAN CALLED BLAZE BECOMES A LIVING INFERNO

STAND YOUR GROUND, DOCTOR

IF NOT FOR YOU I WOULD HAVE BEEN AT THE MERCY OF FRORE, THE CYCLOPS.

I'VE NEVER BEEN INDEBTED TO ANOTHER LIVING BEING BEFORE IN MY LIFE

I DON'T LIKE IT.

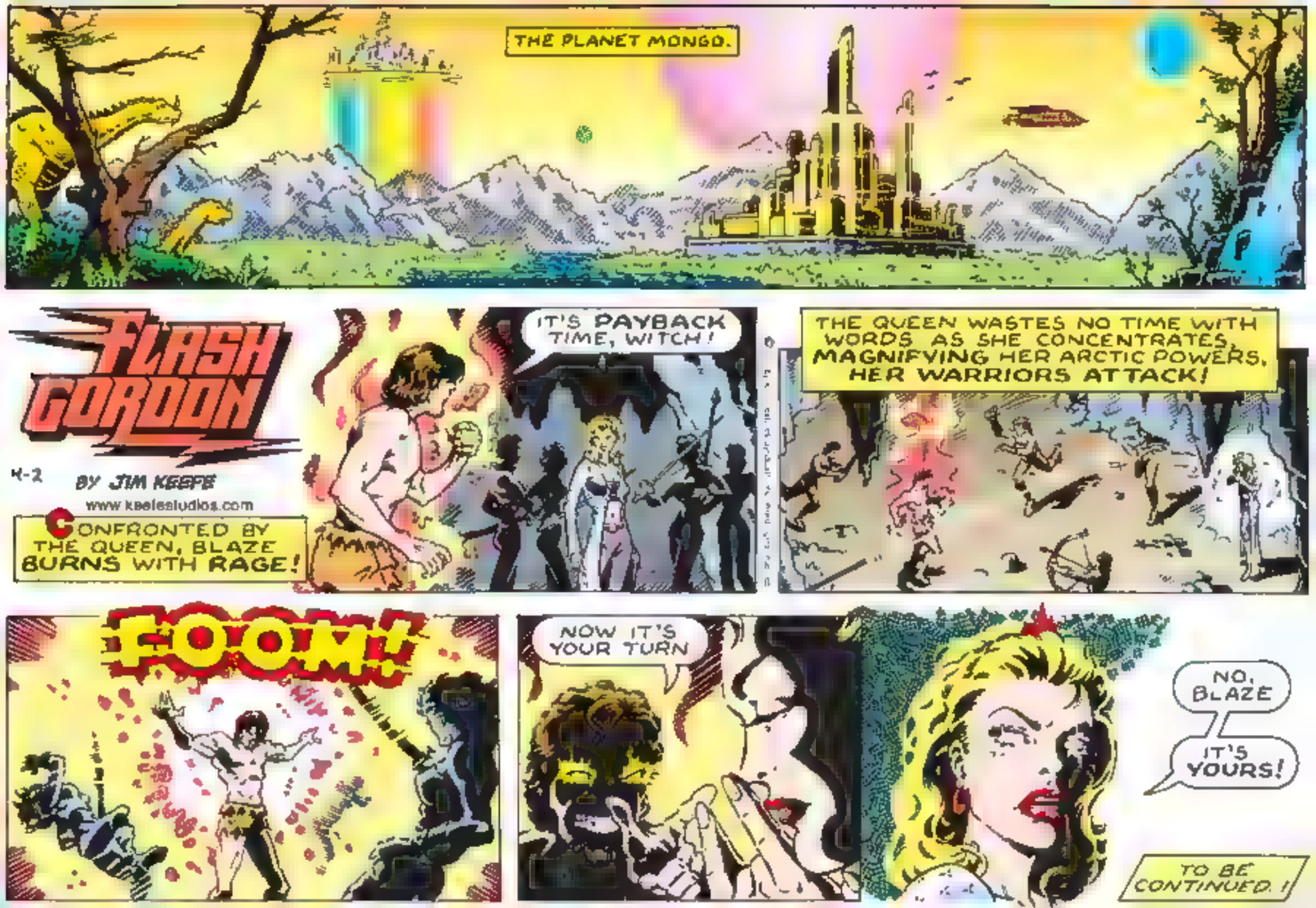
AND WHAT I DON'T LIKE, BURNS...

BLAZE, HOLD...

IT'S NOT HIM YOU WANT

IT'S ME!

TO BE CONTINUED...!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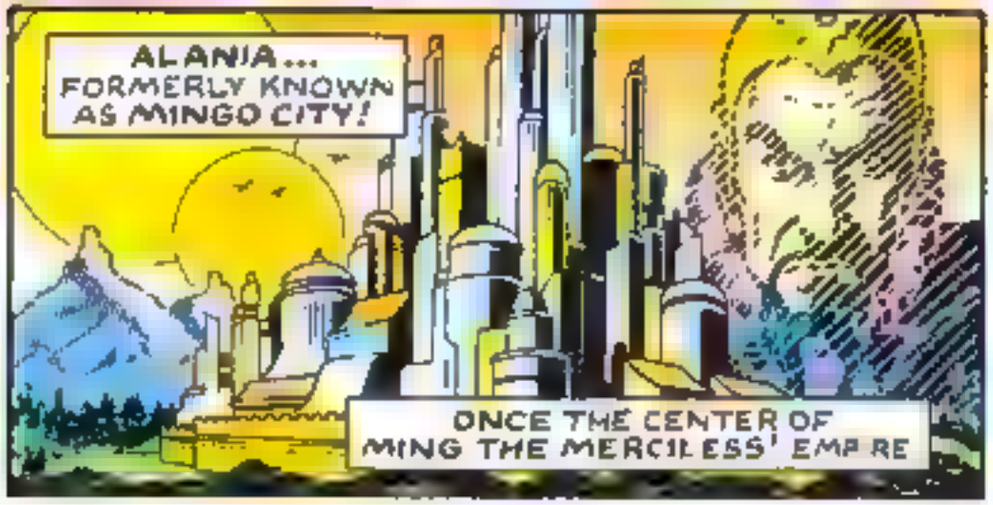
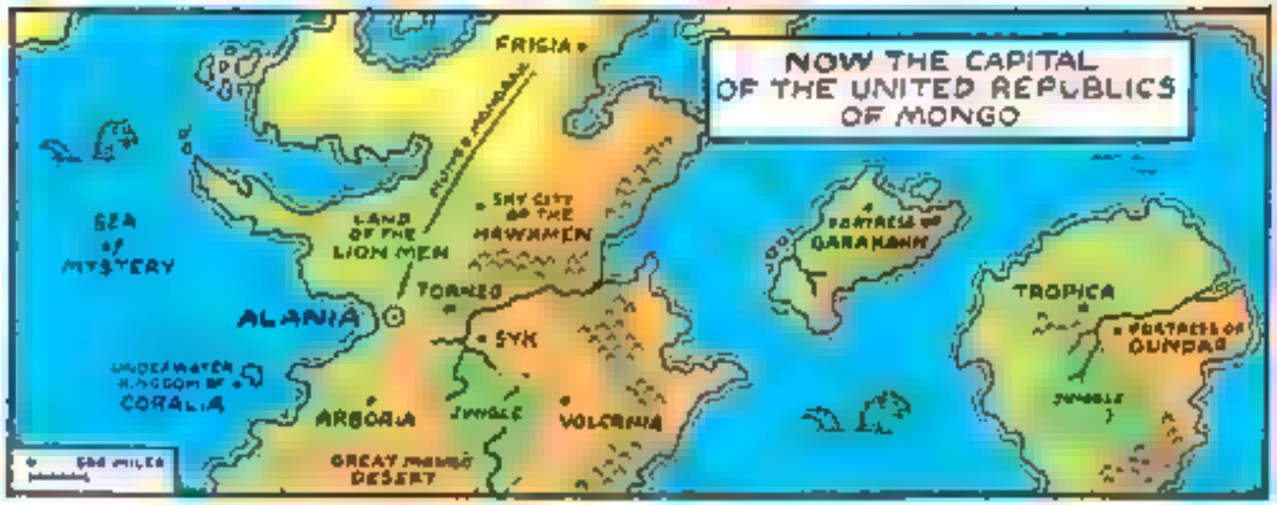
CONFRONTED BY THE QUEEN, BLAZE BURNS WITH RAGE!
IT'S PAYBACK TIME, WITCH!
THE QUEEN WASTES NO TIME WITH WORDS AS SHE CONCENTRATES, MAGNIFYING HER ARCTIC POWERS, HER WARRIORS ATTACK!
FOOM!
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN
NO, BLAZE
IT'S YOURS!
TO BE CONTINUED.





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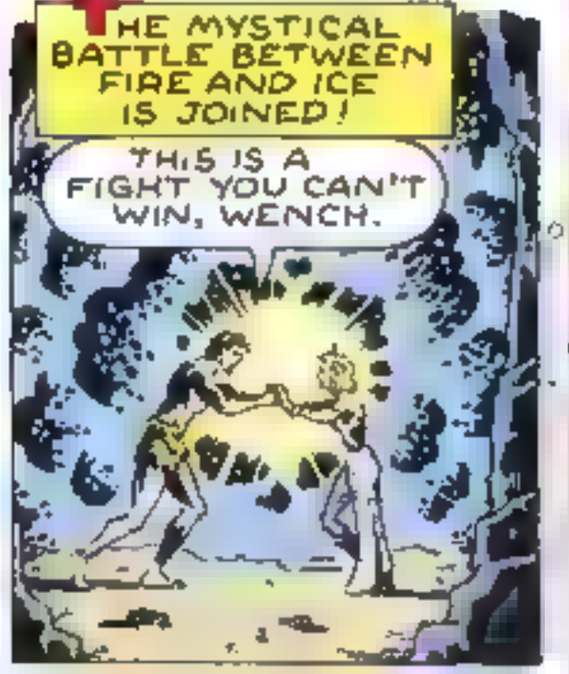

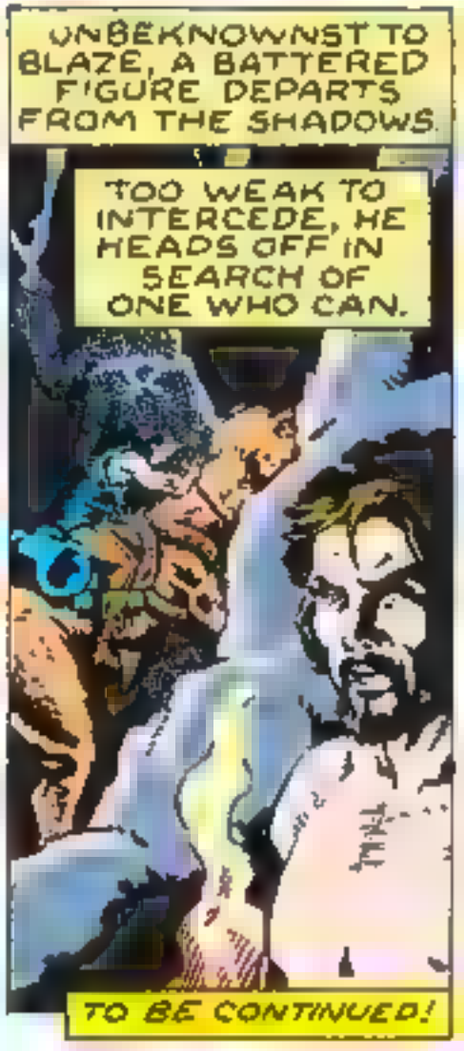

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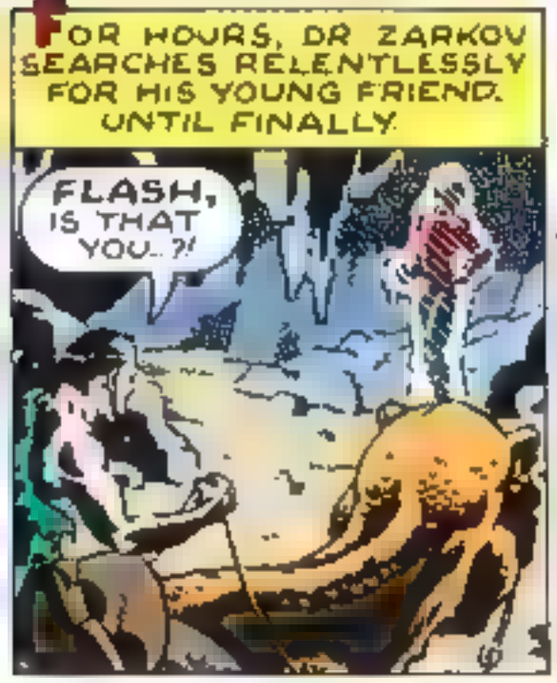

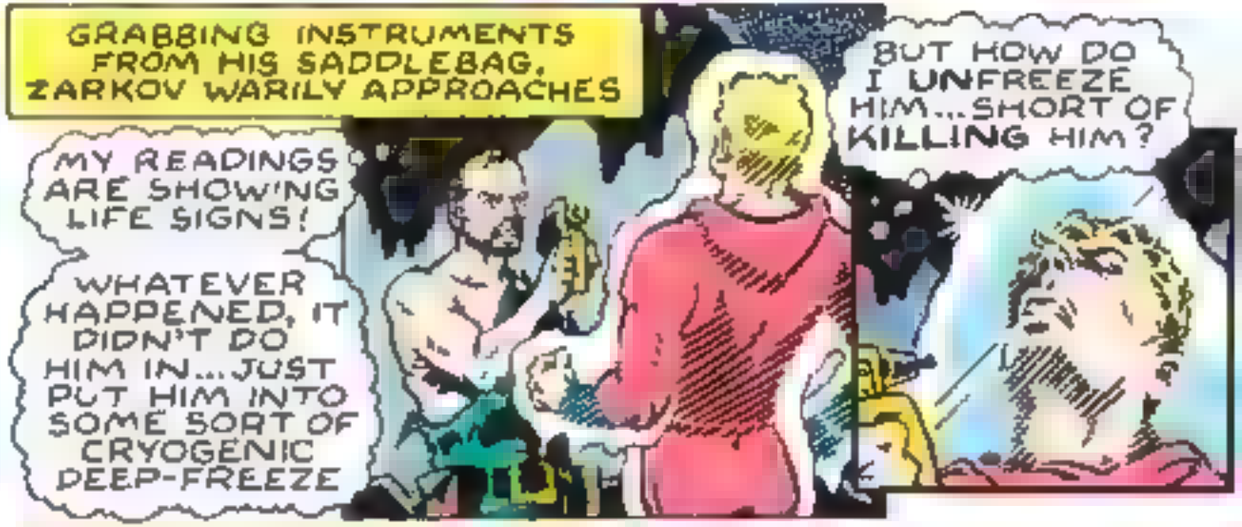

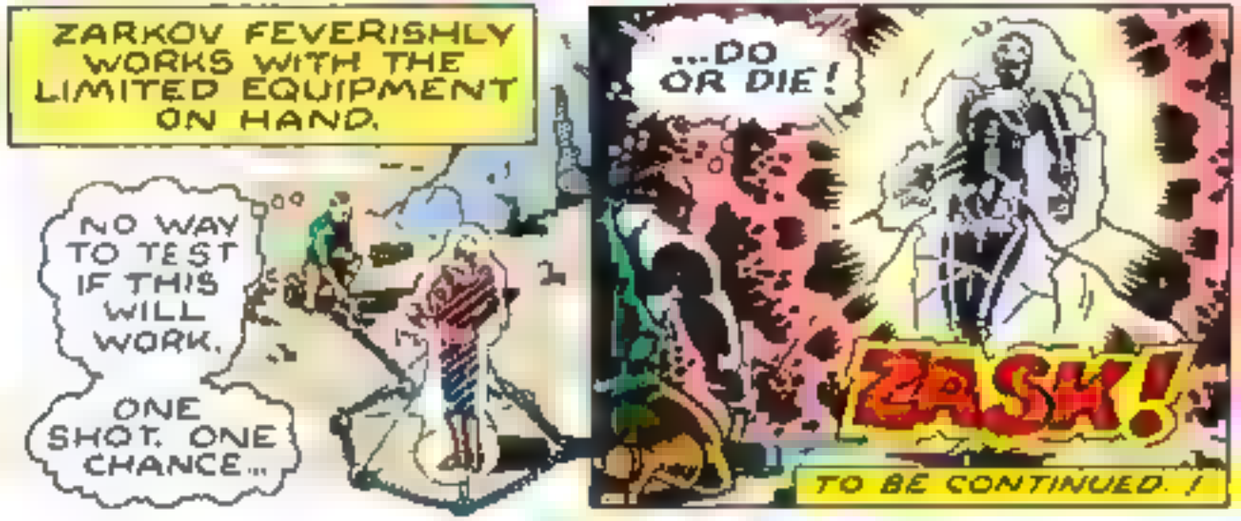

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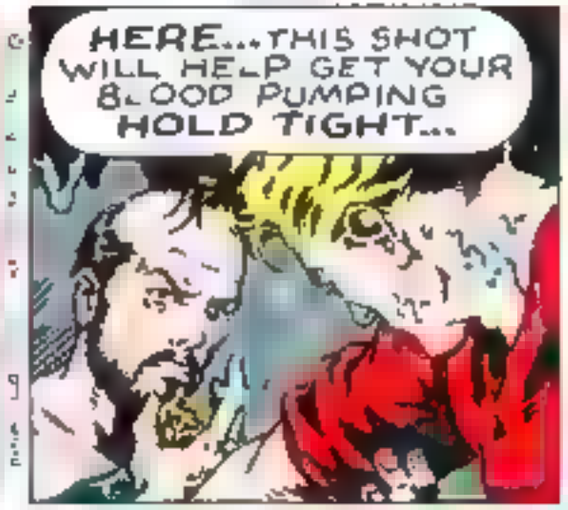

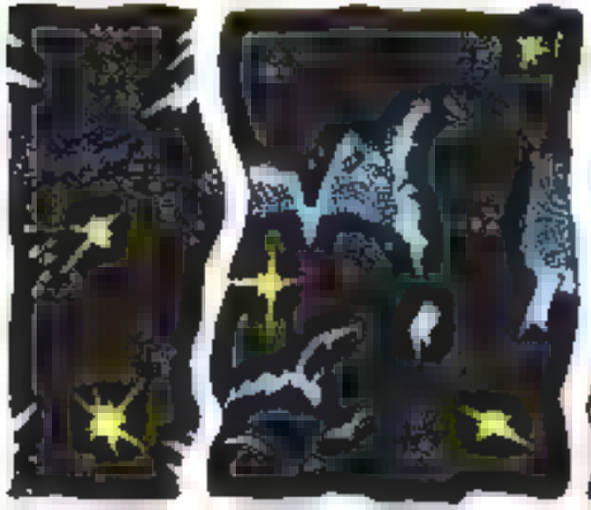

THEN THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE.

WE'VE MESSED UP. TIME TO SET THINGS STRAIGHT.

TO BE CONTINUED..!

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ON THE TRAIL OF A MAN CALLED BLAZE.

FLASH, THIS IS A BAD IDEA. WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE FULLY RECOVERED.

NO CAN DO, DOC. THE QUEEN MAY NOT LIVE THAT LONG

BESIDES, THE WEAPONS YOU JERRY-RIGGED SHOULD LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD.

THE UNTESTED WEAPONS

ZARKOV, LOOK...

...THE QUEEN'S PALACE!

AND WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...

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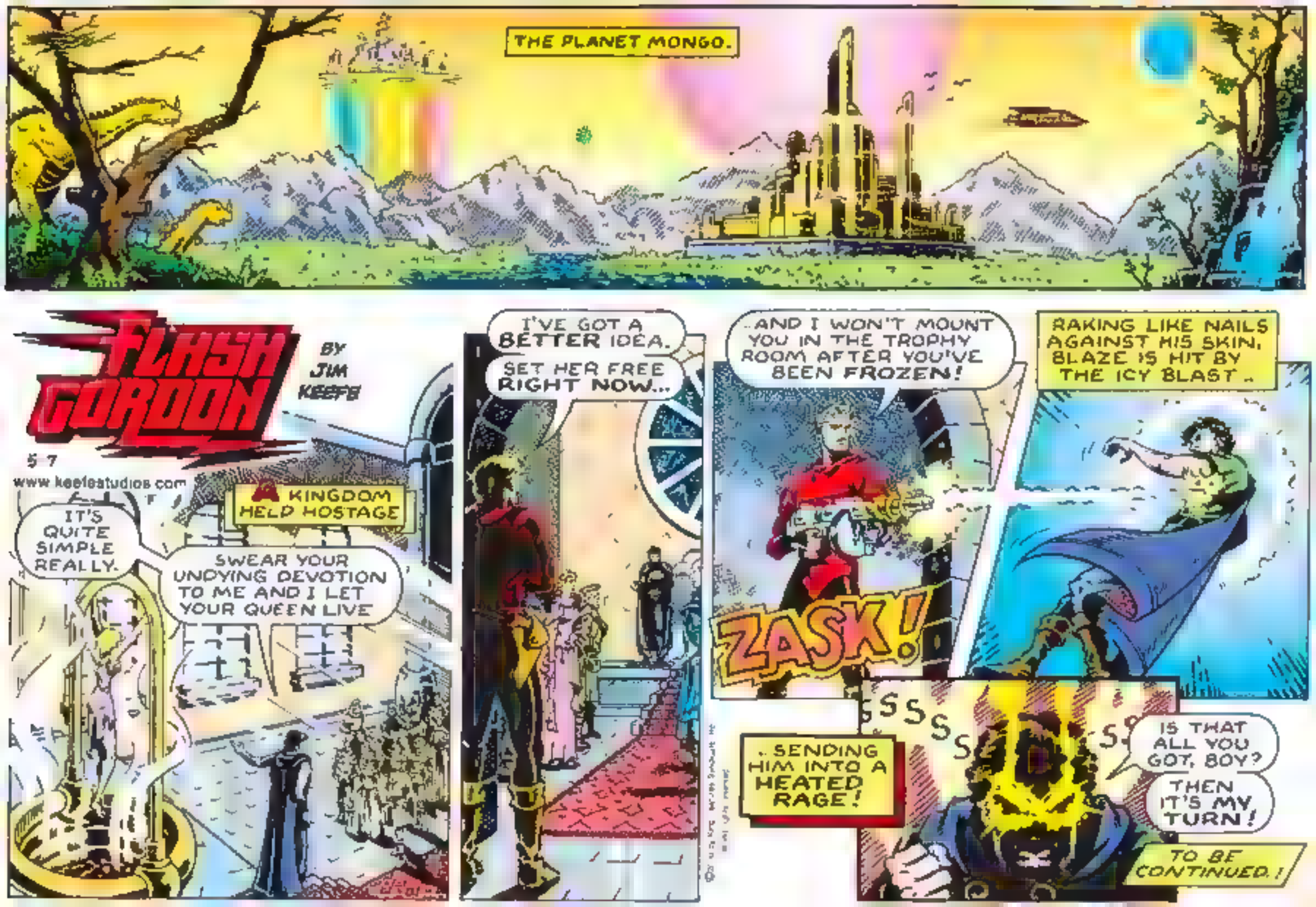
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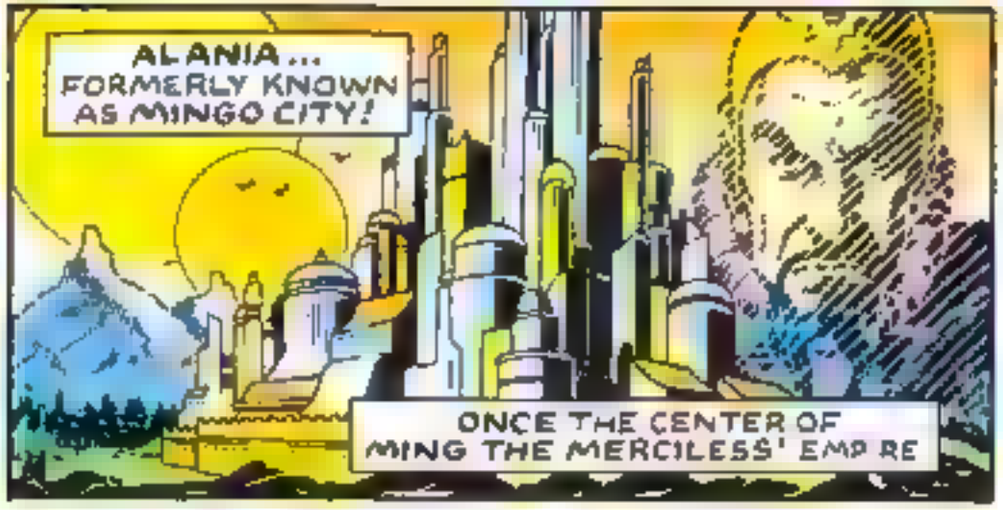
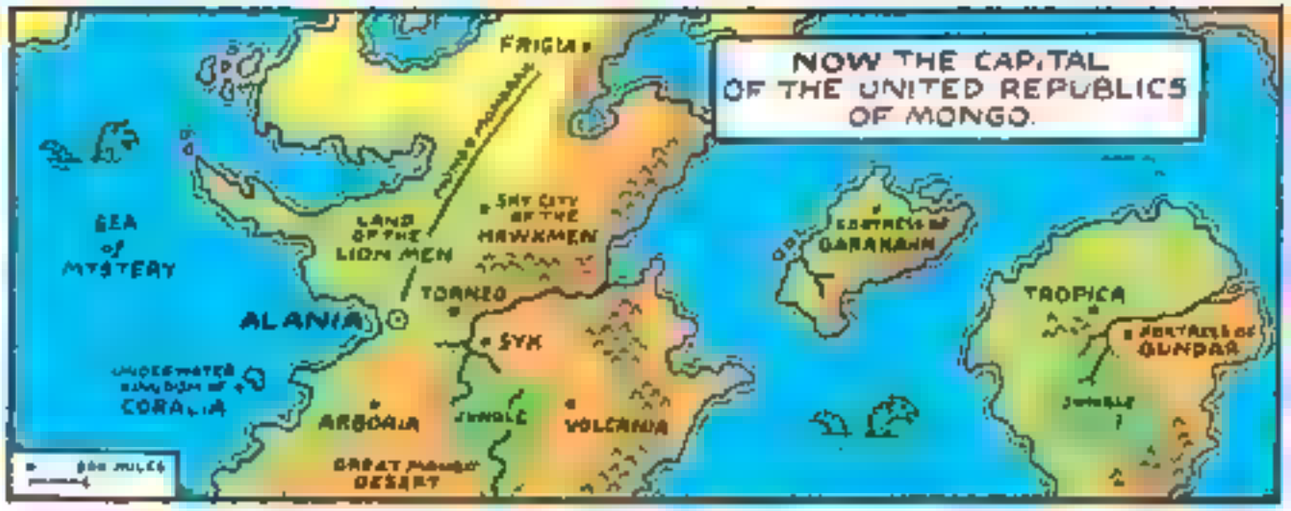
A KINGDOM HELD HOSTAGE
IT'S QUITE SIMPLE REALLY.
SWEAR YOUR UNDYING DEVOTION TO ME AND I LET YOUR QUEEN LIVE
I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA.
SET HER FREE RIGHT NOW...
..AND I WON'T MOUNT YOU IN THE TROPHY ROOM AFTER YOU'VE BEEN FROZEN!
ZASK!
RAKING LIKE NAILS AGAINST HIS SKIN, BLAZE IS HIT BY THE ICY BLAST..
..SENDING HIM INTO A HEATED RAGE!
SSSSS
IS THAT ALL YOU GOT, BOY?
THEN IT'S MY TURN!
TO BE CONTINUED.!





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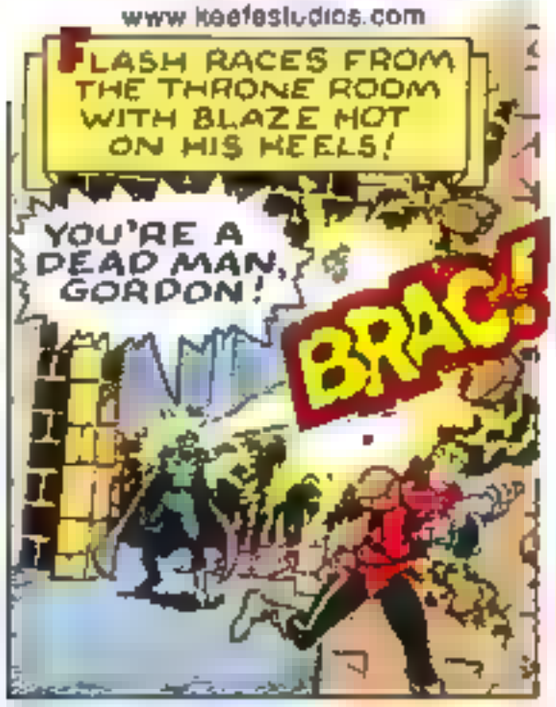

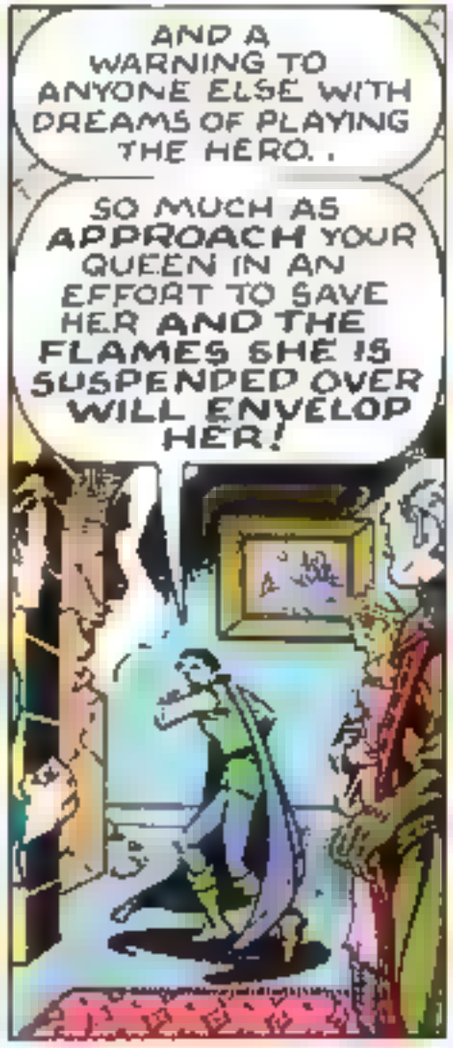

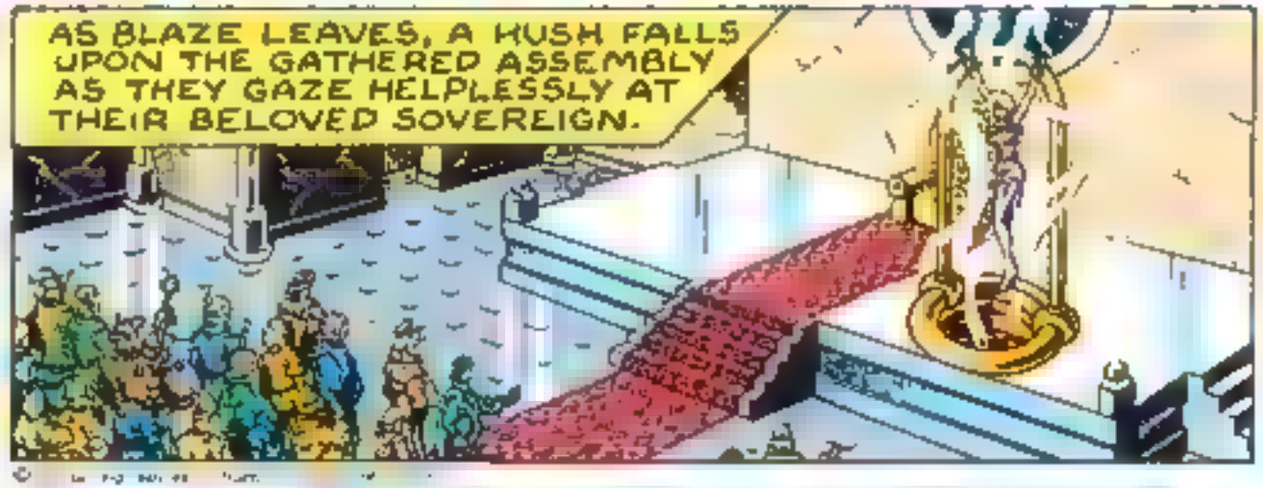

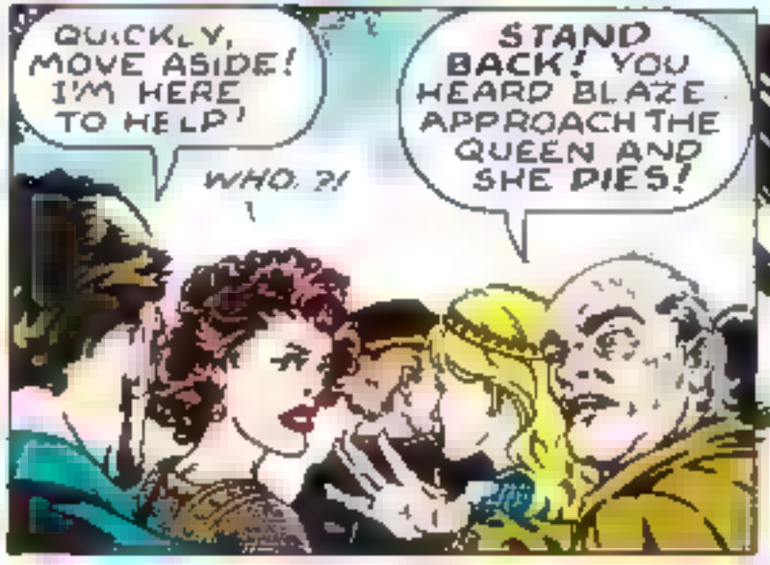

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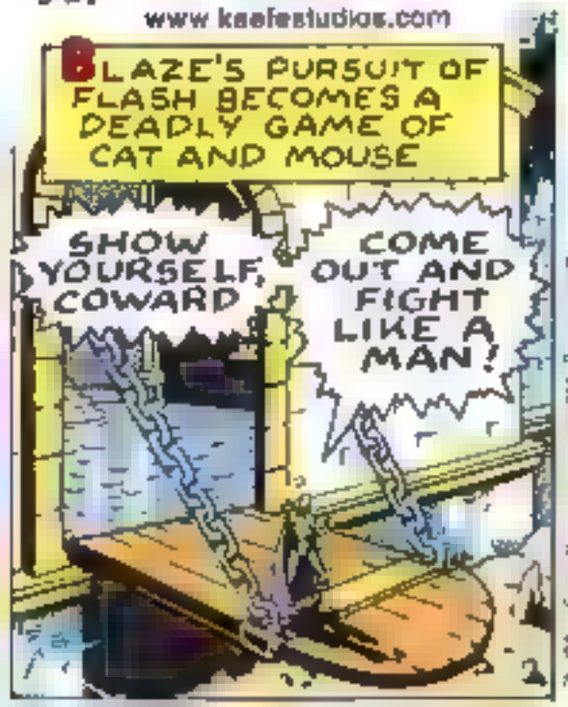

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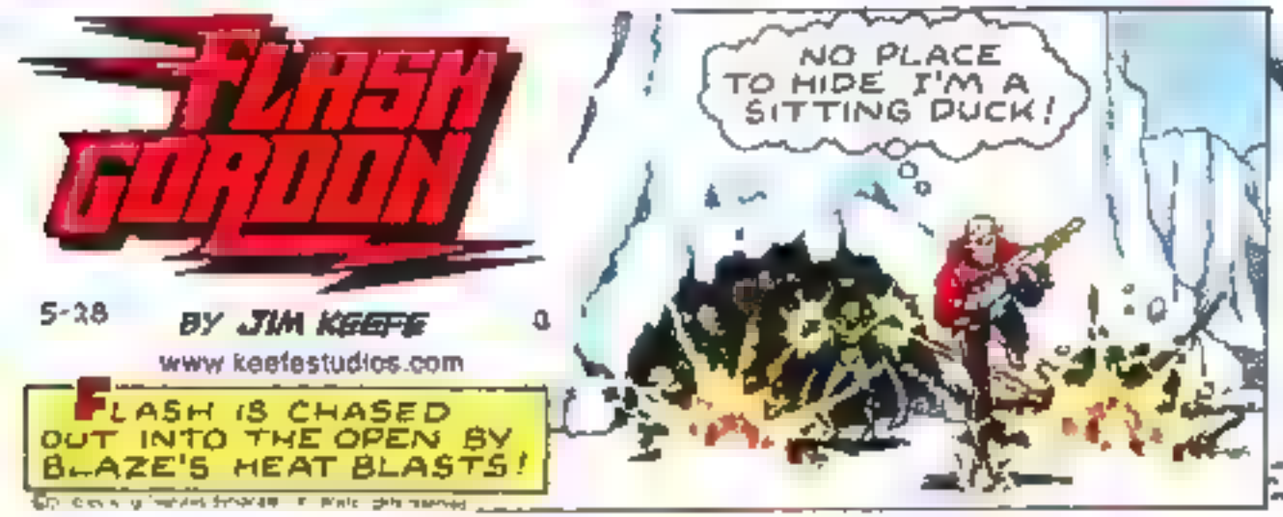

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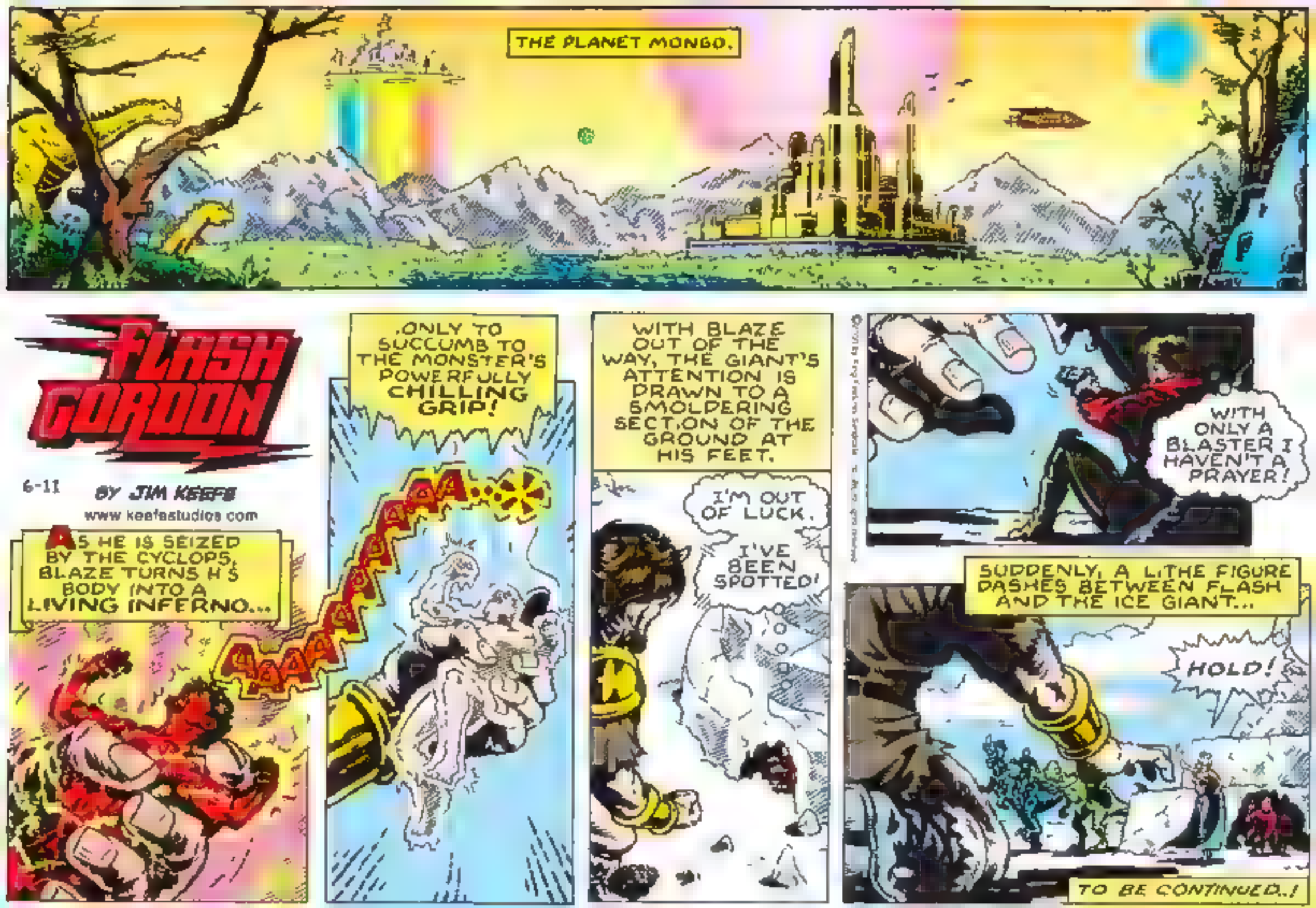
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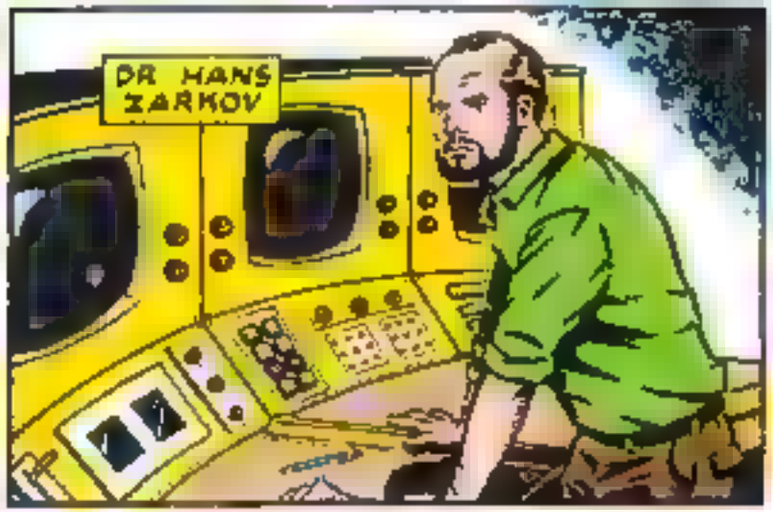
AS HE IS SEIZED BY THE CYCLOPS, BLAZE TURNS HIS BODY INTO A LIVING INFERNO...
AAAAAAAAAA
ONLY TO SUCCUMB TO THE MONSTER'S POWERFULLY CHILLING GRIP!
WITH BLAZE OUT OF THE WAY, THE GIANT'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO A SMOLDERING SECTION OF THE GROUND AT HIS FEET.
I'M OUT OF LUCK.
I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!
WITH ONLY A BLASTER I HAVEN'T A PRAYER!
SUDDENLY, A LITHE FIGURE DASHES BETWEEN FLASH AND THE ICE GIANT...
HOLD!
TO BE CONTINUED..!



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AT THE QUEEN'S BIDDING, THE CYCLOPS CEASES HIS ATTACK ON FLASH.

THANKS TO YOU, BLAZE HAS MET HIS JUST REWARD.

DON'T THANK ME I WAS JUST HOPING TO LURE HIM OUT HERE SO THAT HE'D BE AT THE ICE GIANT'S DISPOSAL.

REGARDLESS, YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR MINE.

I MEAN TO REPAY YOU.

RRRRAH...?

WE BOTH NEED REST MY CASTLE IS YOURS UNTIL YOU'RE FULLY RECUPERATED..

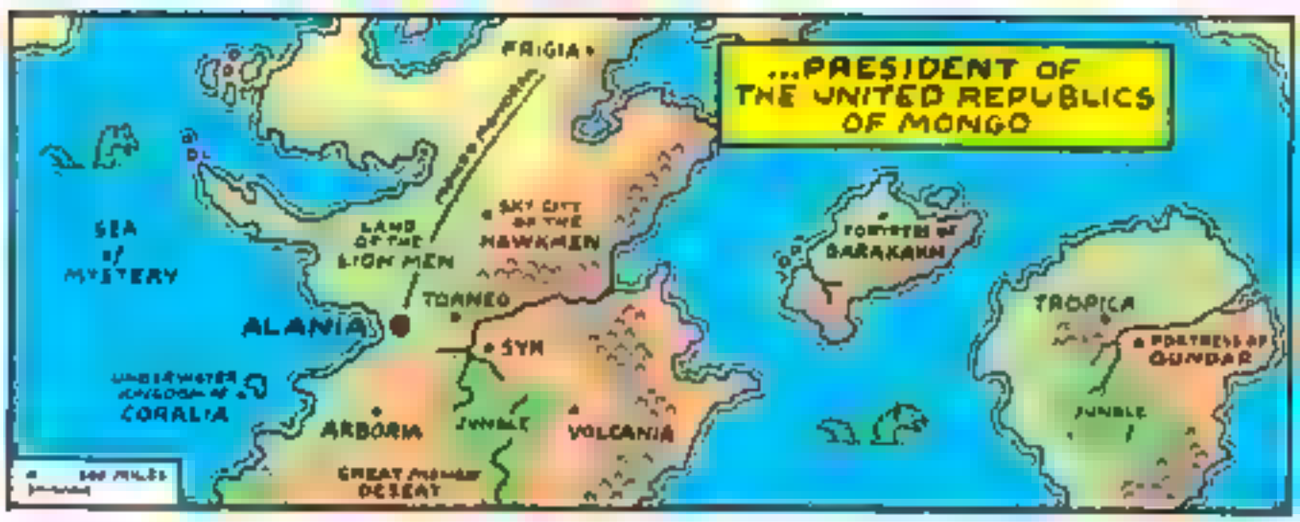
THEN YOU WILL BE GIVEN AMPLE PROVISIONS TO CONTINUE ON YOUR JOURNEY

IF YOU HAVE NEED OF ANYTHING ELSE, ALL YOU NEED DO IS ASK

RRRRR...

NOT WITH A CHAPERON LIKE THAT YOU DON'T...

NEXT: NEW ADVENTURE!



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WITH MING'S TRAIL HAVING GROWN COLD, FLASH AND DR. ZARKOV RETURN TO ALANIA. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL THEY ARE USHERED BEFORE KING BARIN

NO TIME FOR FORMALITIES, MY FRIENDS. WE HAVE PRESSING MATTERS AT HAND.

MY SOURCES HAVE INFORMED ME THAT KING KALA HAS REBUILT HIS CITY SINCE ITS DESTRUCTION AT THE HANDS OF KING JUGRID AND HIS LION MEN...*

"THE UNITED REPUBLICS OF MONGO ARE OFFERING AN OLIVE BRANCH TO KALA AND HIS PEOPLE IN THE INTEREST OF GLOBAL PEACE."

* FROM ALEX RAYMOND'S CLASSIC 1934 STORY LINE!

OUR COUNCIL IS TO CONVENE IN KING VULTAN'S PALACE BEFORE SENDING OUR CONTINGENT TO KALA'S UNDERWATER CITY. WE'VE JUST BEEN AWAITING YOUR RETURN, FLASH. VULTAN HAS REQUESTED YOUR PRESENCE **PERSONALLY.**

WHAT ABOUT ZARKOV?

YOU GO ON AHEAD, SON.

IT'S TIME I GOT BACK TO WORK STUDYING THAT **DEVICE** IN THE RESEARCH FACILITY.

YOU MEAN?

MING'S SPACE PORTAL!

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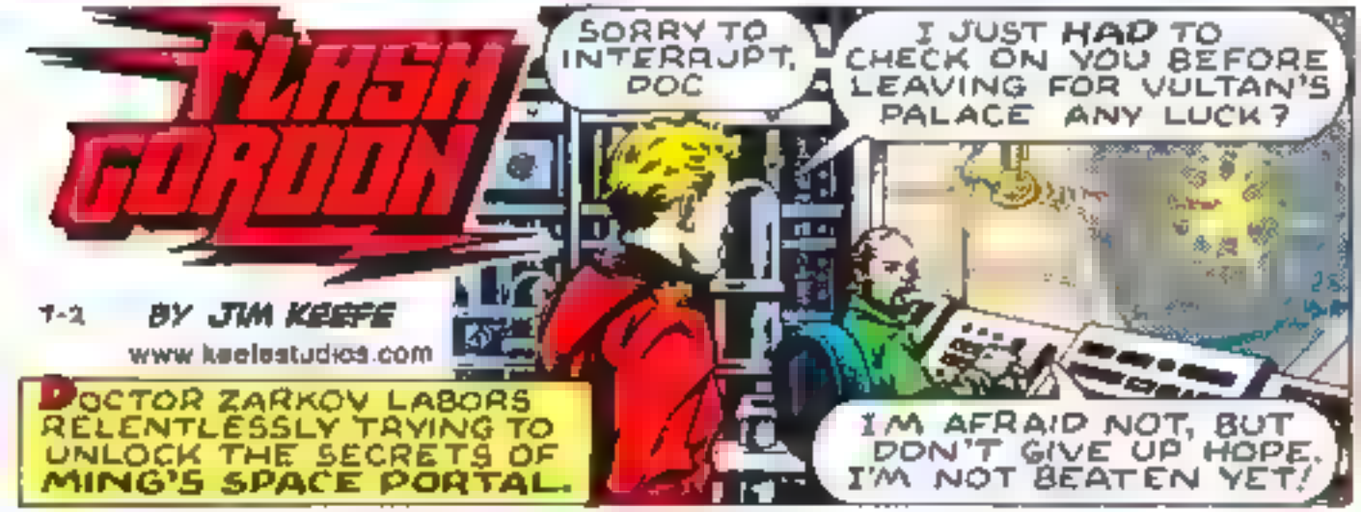
MING THE MERCILESS...
...DEPOSED RULER OF THE PLANET MONGO.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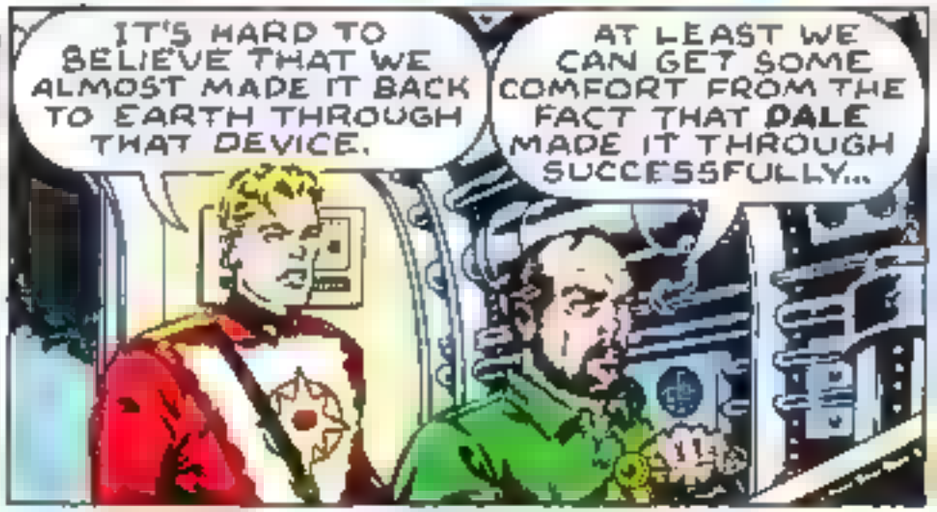
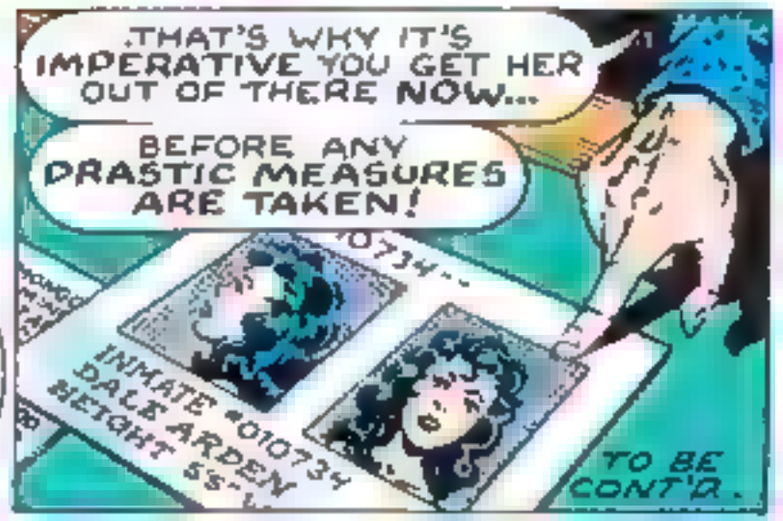
DOCTOR ZARKOV LABORS RELENTLESSLY TRYING TO UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF MING'S SPACE PORTAL.
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, DOC
I JUST HAD TO CHECK ON YOU BEFORE LEAVING FOR VULTAN'S PALACE ANY LUCK?
I'M AFRAID NOT, BUT DON'T GIVE UP HOPE. I'M NOT BEATEN YET!


IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE ALMOST MADE IT BACK TO EARTH THROUGH THAT DEVICE.
AT LEAST WE CAN GET SOME COMFORT FROM THE FACT THAT DALE MADE IT THROUGH SUCCESSFULLY...

"...AND IS BACK HOME SAFE AND SOUND."
ARE YOU SURE YOUR INFORMATION'S CORRECT, CHIEF?
IT JUST SEEMS TOO FANTASTIC TO BELIEVE!
WE'VE BOTH BEEN AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW OTHERWISE
UNFORTUNATELY THE "NEW REGIME" THAT'S TAKING OVER DOESN'T MUCH CARE FOR OUR OPINION ..


THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPERATIVE YOU GET HER OUT OF THERE NOW...
BEFORE ANY DRASTIC MEASURES ARE TAKEN!
INMATE #010734 DALE ARDEN HEIGHT 5'5"
TO BE CONT'D.

CHARACTER PROFILE:

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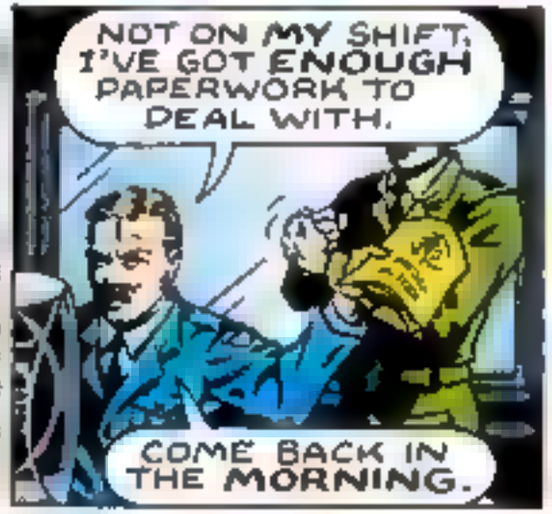

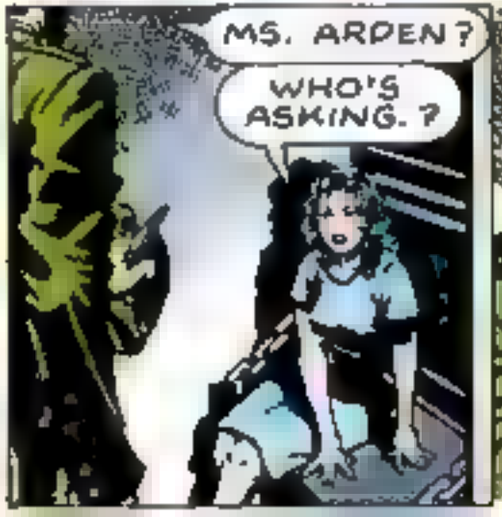

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HAVING RETURNED TO EARTH VIA M NG'S SPACE PORTAL, DALE ARDEN FINDS HERSELF A PR SONER OF A COVERT GOVERNMENT AGENCY.
SEPARATED FROM FLASH BY LIGHT YEARS, SHE FINDS HERSELF AT THE MERCY OF AN ORGANIZATION SKEPTICAL OF HER INTELLIGENCE REGARDING THE PLANET MONGO...
...UNTIL NOW!
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FREED BY A MYSTERIOUS SECRET AGENT, DALE QUICKLY DONS A GUARD'S UNIFORM AND EXITS HER CELL
STAY CLOSE AND FOLLOW ME.
YOU WON'T EVEN TELL ME YOUR NAME. WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU?
BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY OPTION YOU'VE GOT
YOU THERE, WHERE ARE YOUR PAPERS? THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS...
..HAVE TO PUT THIS JOKER DOWN FAST.
WAIT. THERE'S ANOTHER WAY.
I'M SORRY, OFFICER...
...IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN---HELP YOU WITH?
I'M SURE THERE IS...
THEN LET'S GET STARTED!
WAP!
TO BE CONT'D...

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BACK ON EARTH:

STOPPED BY A GUARD WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE, DALE ARDEN SWIFTLY SUBDUES HIM

NICE SHOT. THOSE YEARS ON MONGO MUST HAVE GIVEN YOU SOME PRACTICE

YOU BELIEVE ME ABOUT THE PLANET MONGO?

YES--AND THE SOONER YOU START TRUSTING ME, THE QUICKER WE GET OUT OF HERE

TIME..?

WHO..?

WE HAVE THREE MINUTES AT BEST BEFORE HER ABSENCE IS DISCOVERED AND THE BUILDING'S SEALED

AROOGA-AROOGA!

LIKE I SAID --AT BEST...

PUT THIS ON.

WHA..?

QUICK, JUST DO AS HE SAYS..

..AND WE MAY ACTUALLY MAKE IT OUT OF HERE ALIVE!

FSSSSSSSSSSSS!

ENOUGH TALK--- THIS WAY!

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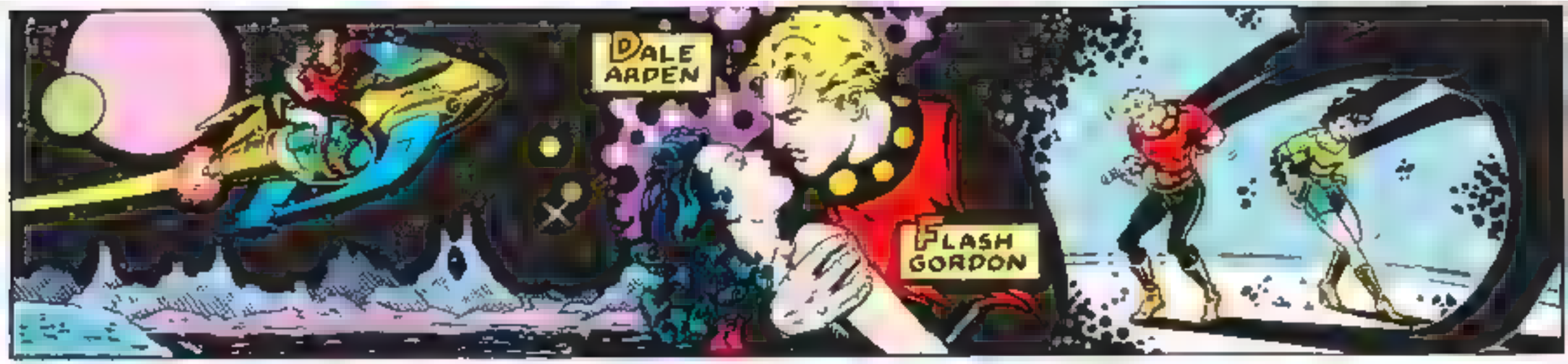

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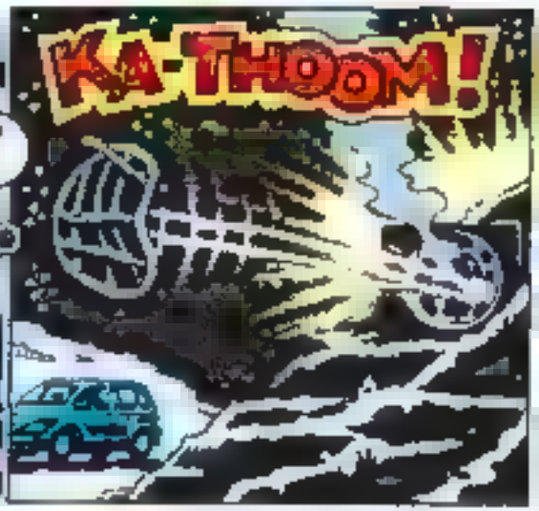
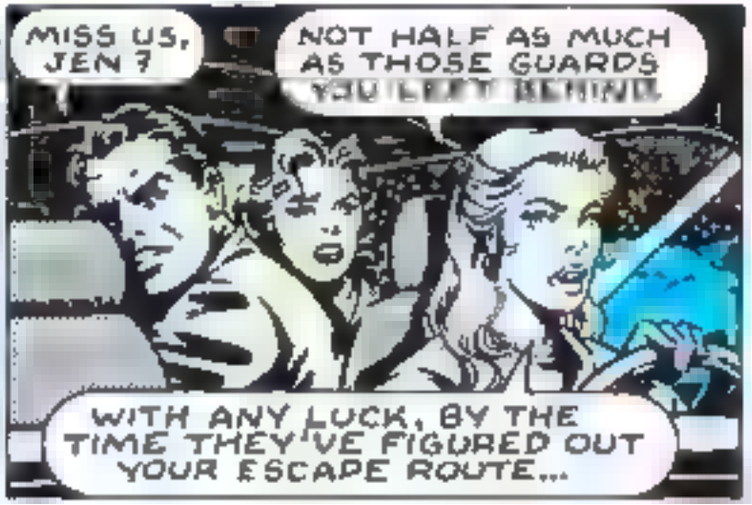
BACK ON EARTH:

FOLLOWING A LABYRINTH OF DUCTS AND TUNNELS, DALE AND HER UNKNOWN COMRADES RACE TO ESCAPE FROM A TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION





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HELD CAPTIVE IN A TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION, DALE ARDEN IS FREED BY MEMBERS OF AN ELITE ORGANIZATION...

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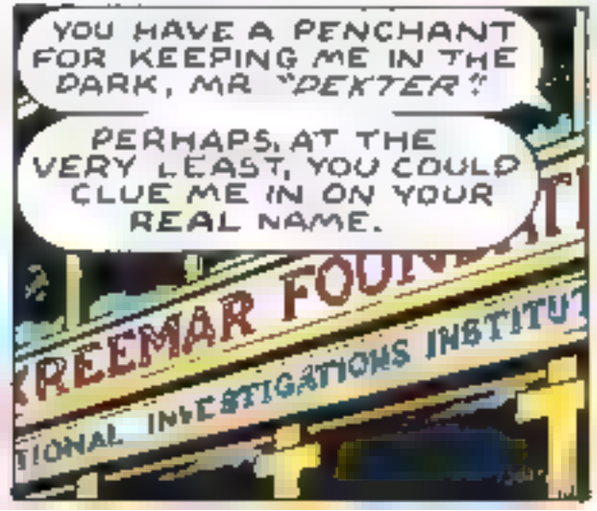

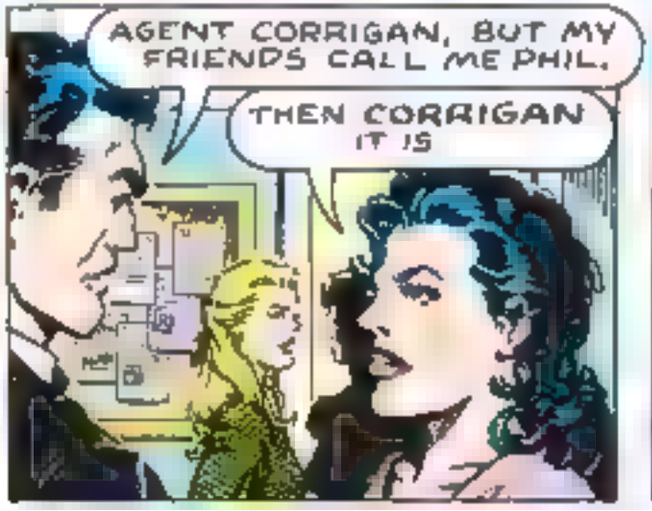

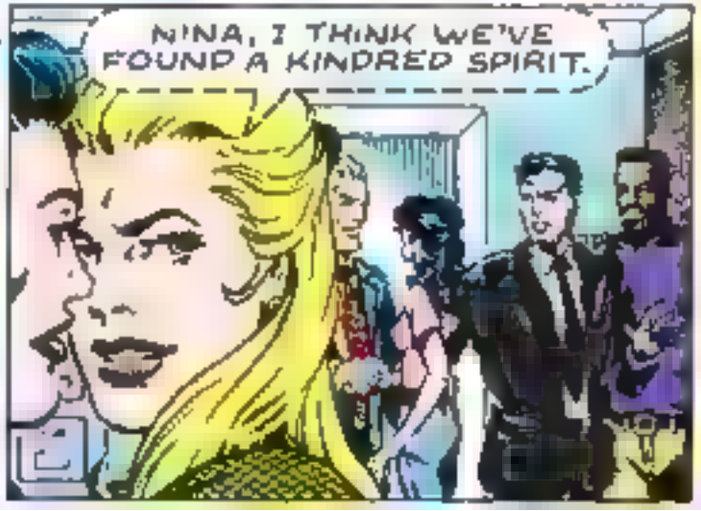

CATCH YOUR BREATH WHILE YOU CAN, READER---

NEXT WEEK: FLASH JOURNEYS TO THE CITY OF THE HAWKPEOPLE AS WE RETURN TO MONGO!

DON'T MISS IT!

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TRYING TO ESTABLISH PEACE ON A PLANET CONSTANTLY AT WAR ISN'T EASY---WITNESS A CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED REPUBLICS OF MONGO...

KING KALA'S SIDED WITH MING FOR YEARS, BARIN IT'S **SUICIDE** TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO HIS KINGDOM!

HE HAS ACCEPTED OUR PEACE OFFERING. THE **LEAST** WE CAN DO IS NOW GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE HIMSELF!

LOOKS LIKE THE COUNCIL'S DEADLOCKED.

MAYBE I SHOULD GO DOWN AND LEND BARIN MY SUPPORT.

NO NEED. HE'LL SWAY THEM MARK MY WORDS. A CONTINGENT WILL BE SENT.

IF BARIN DOESN'T NEED MY HELP, THEN WHY SUMMON ME HERE, VULTAN?

BECAUSE **MY OWN DAUGHTER** HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO BE ONE OF THE DELEGATES.

KALA'S NOT TO BE TRUSTED. I'M ASKING YOU TO ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION AS MY DAUGHTER'S PERSONAL BODYGUARD.

THE **ROYAL GUARD** WILL BE ENOUGH, FATHER...

..I DON'T NEED A **BABY SITTER** TOO.

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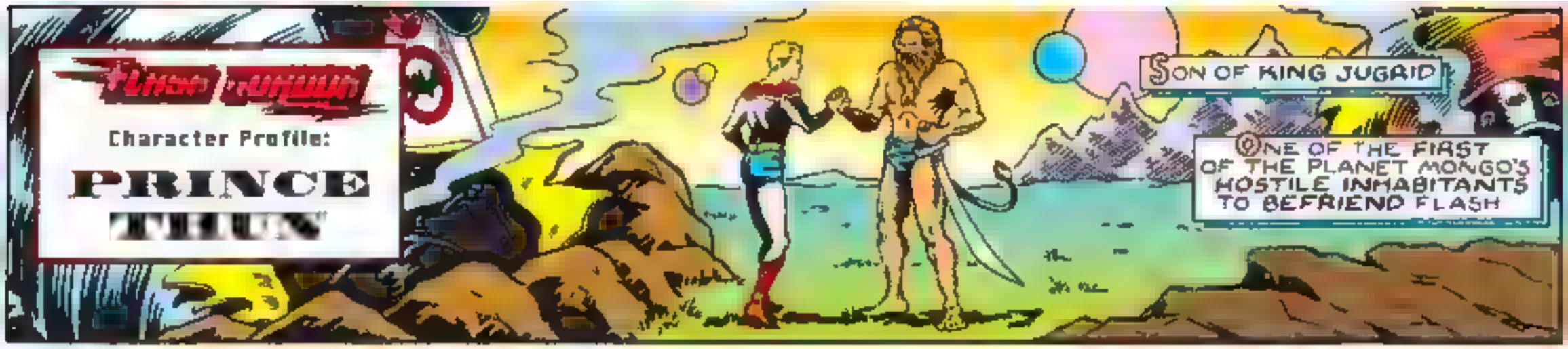
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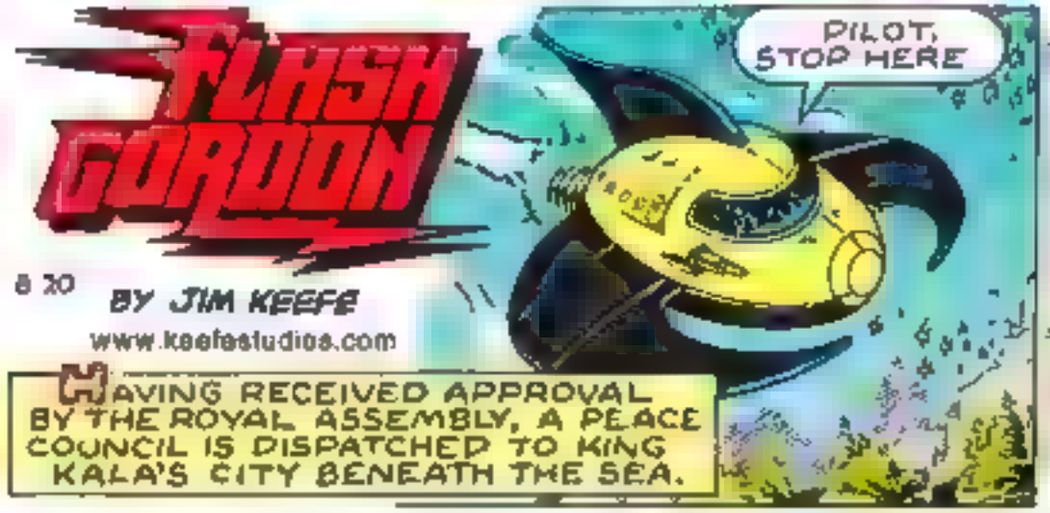
Character Profile:
PRINCE THUN
SON OF KING JUGRID
ONE OF THE FIRST OF THE PLANET MONGO'S HOSTILE INHABITANTS TO BEFRIEND FLASH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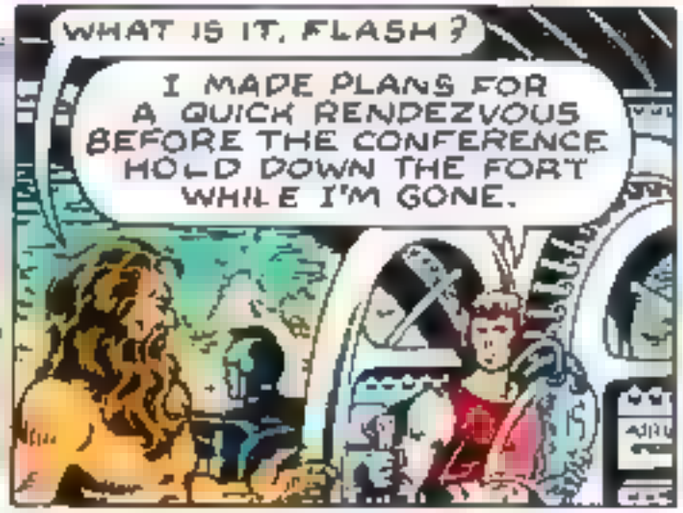
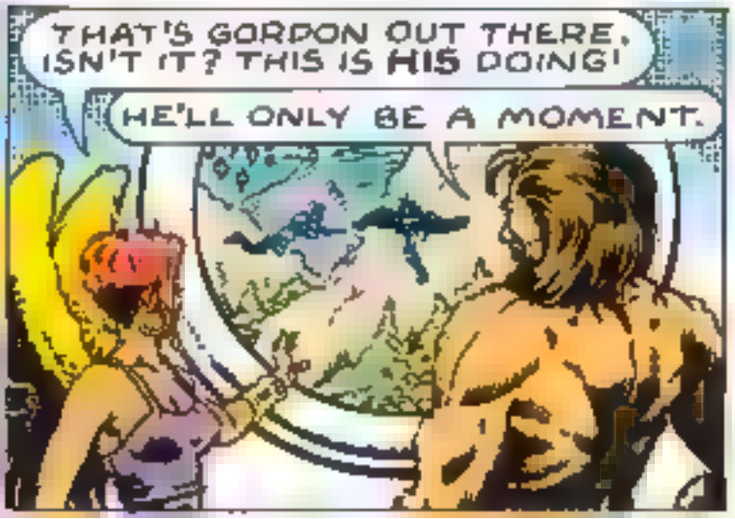
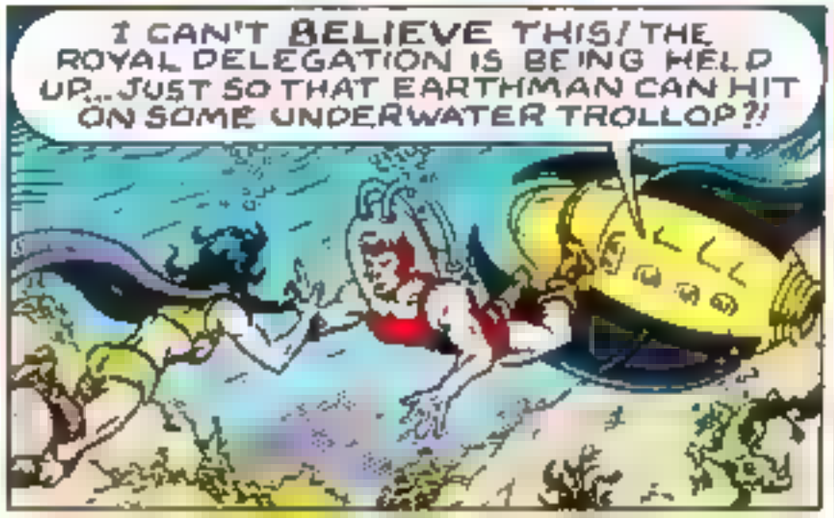
PILOT, STOP HERE
HAVING RECEIVED APPROVAL BY THE ROYAL ASSEMBLY, A PEACE COUNCIL IS DISPATCHED TO KING KALA'S CITY BENEATH THE SEA.


WHAT IS IT, FLASH?
I MADE PLANS FOR A QUICK RENDEZVOUS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE. HOLD DOWN THE FORT WHILE I'M GONE.

PRINCE THUN, WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHY HAVE WE STOPPED?
PRINCESS TYREE...


THAT'S GORDON OUT THERE, ISN'T IT? THIS IS HIS DOING!
HE'LL ONLY BE A MOMENT.


I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! THE ROYAL DELEGATION IS BEING HELD UP... JUST SO THAT EARTHMAN CAN HIT ON SOME UNDERWATER TROLLOP?!

WHY MY FATHER HAS ANY FAITH IN THE MAN IS BEYOND ME.
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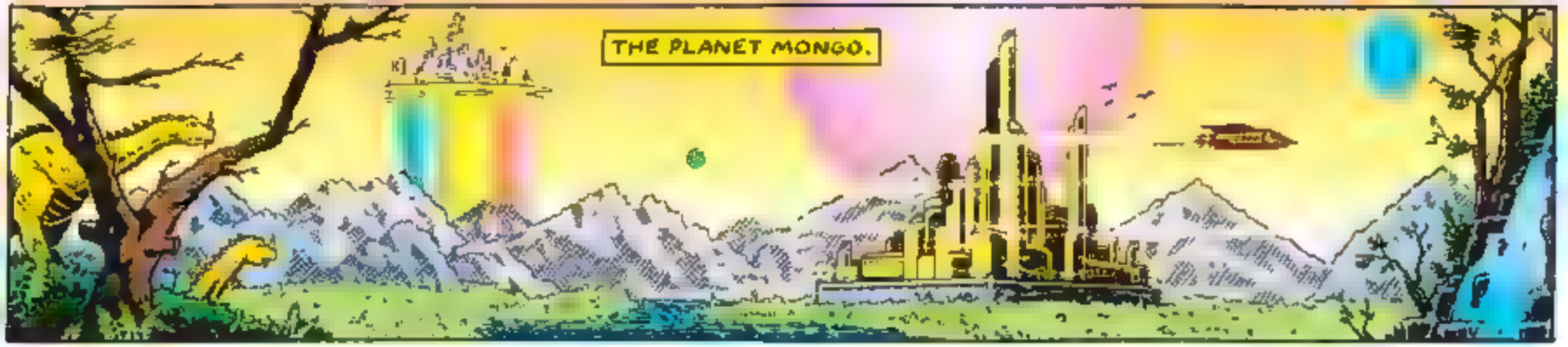

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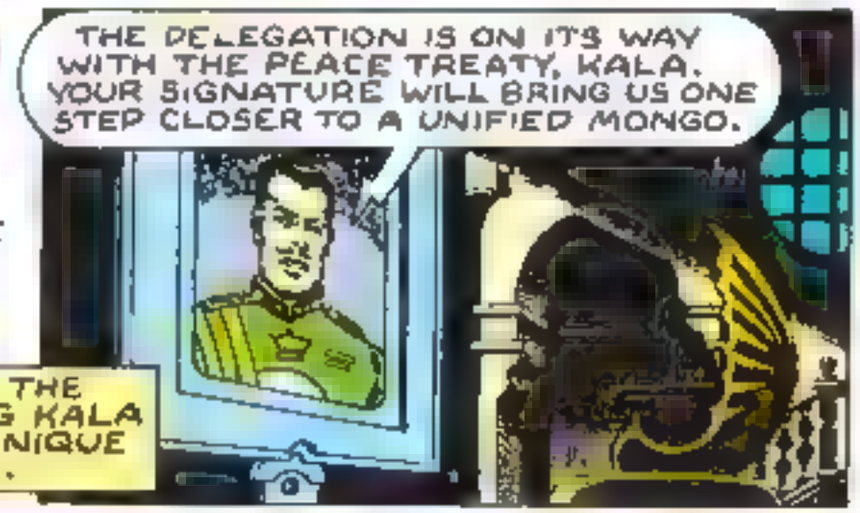

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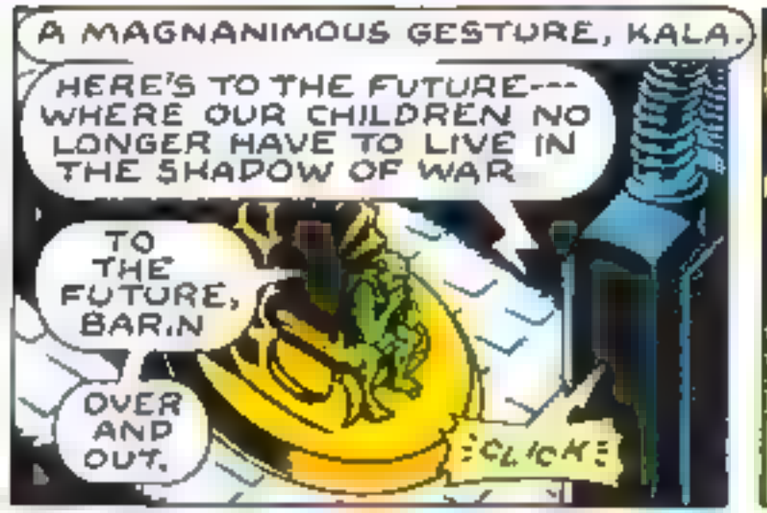

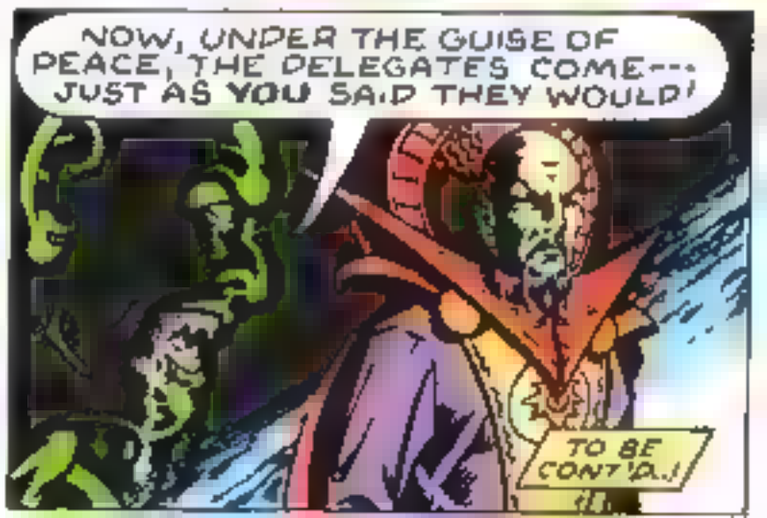

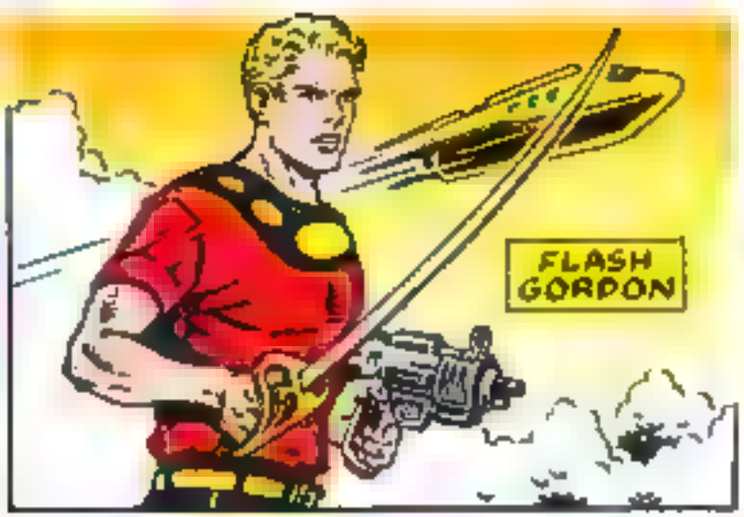
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DALE ARDEN

DR HANS ZARKOV

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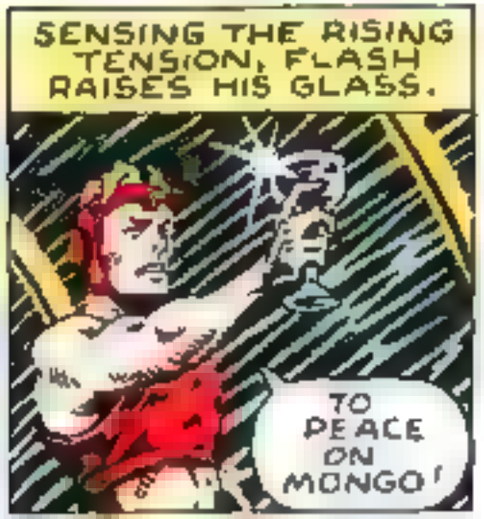
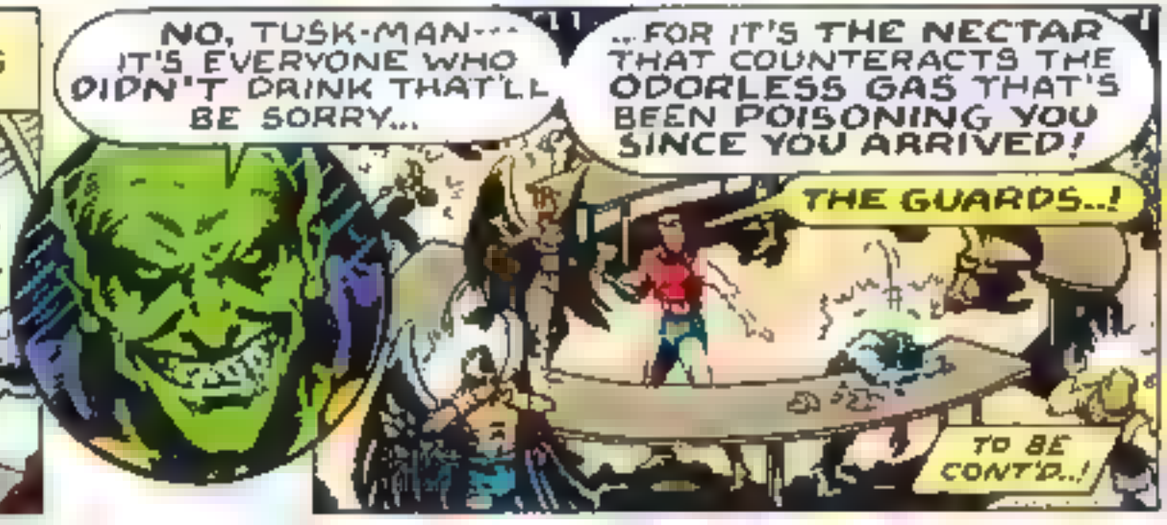
A TOAST TO ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES GATHERED AND TO PEACE ON MONGO!
KING KALA WELCOMES THE PEACE COUNCIL WITH A GALA RECEPTION.

UNFORTUNATELY, LONG-STANDING RIVALRIES DIE HARD.
ME NO DRINK! KALA POISON TUSK-MAN!

I SWEAR TO YOU ON MY HONOR, PRINCE CORAK---NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU FROM THE NECTAR I SERVE.
SHARKMEN... HONOR?!
HA!


SENSING THE RISING TENSION, FLASH RAISES HIS GLASS.
TO PEACE ON MONGO!

WITH THEIR ARMED GUARDS AT THE READY, THE VISITING DIGNITARIES DRINK...
...ALL SAVE ONE.
FOOLS! BE SORRY NOT LISTEN TO CORA
AK!


NO, TUSK-MAN--- IT'S EVERYONE WHO DIDN'T DRINK THAT'LL BE SORRY...
...FOR IT'S THE NECTAR THAT COUNTERACTS THE ODORLESS GAS THAT'S BEEN POISONING YOU SINCE YOU ARRIVED!
THE GUARDS...!
TO BE CONT'D...!

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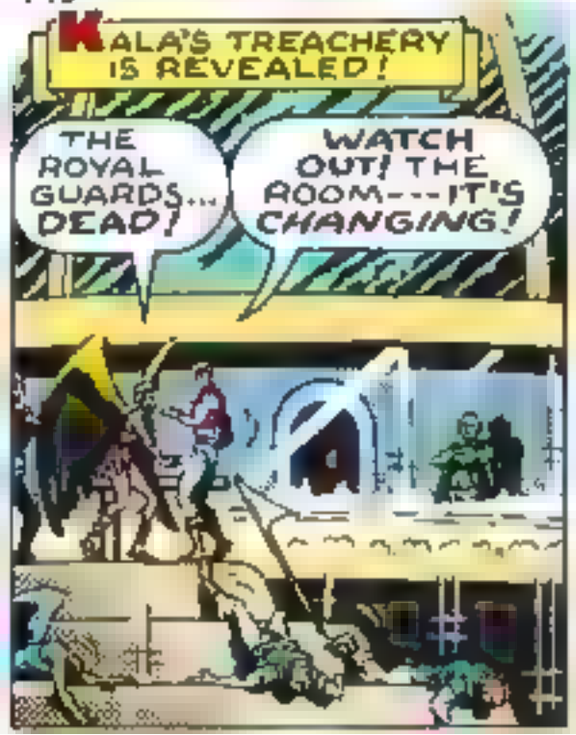

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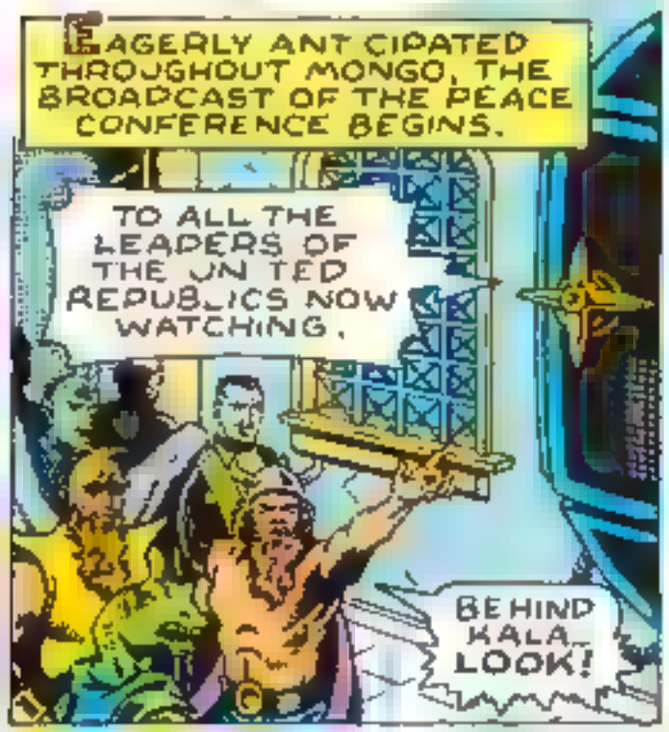

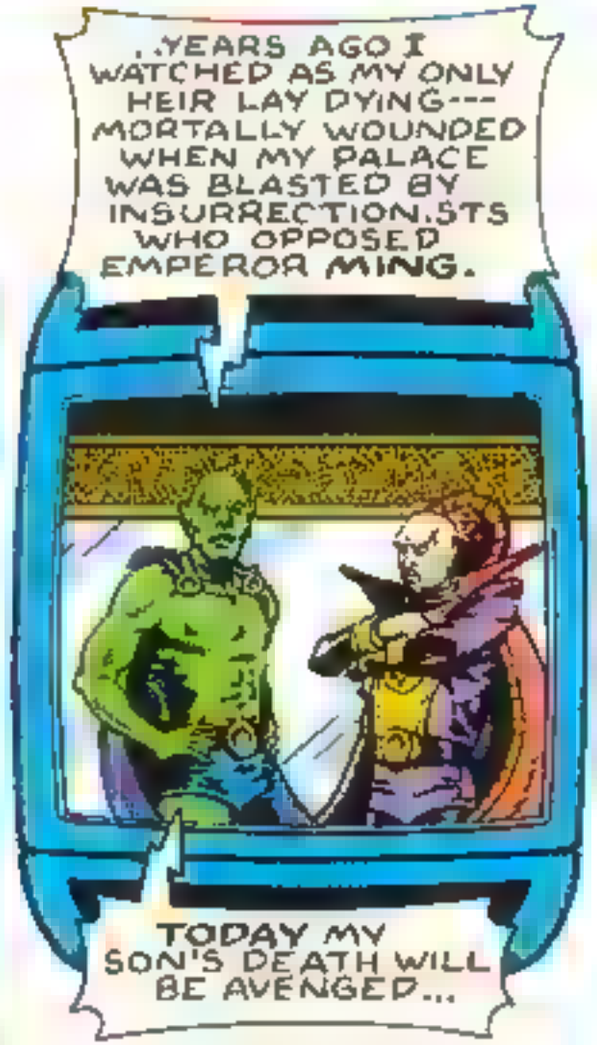

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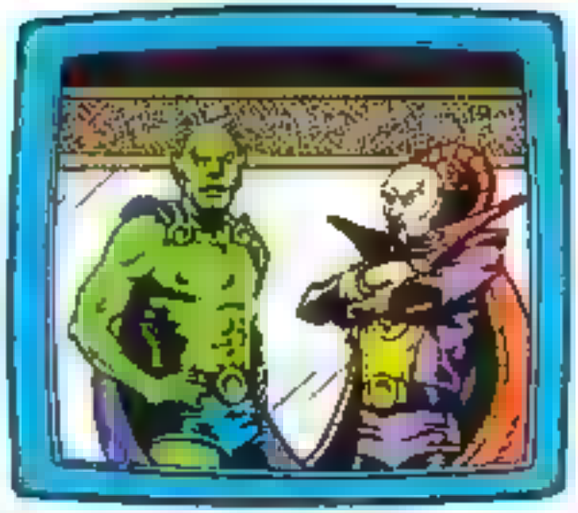
AS THE BROADCAST FROM THE SHARKMEN'S CITY BENEATH THE SEA BEGINS, KING KALA'S ALLEGIANCE WITH MING IS REVEALED.



EXPECTING A PEACE CONFERENCE, VIEWERS FROM THROUGHOUT MONGO ARE INSTEAD WITNESS TO A HORRIFYING SIGHT!

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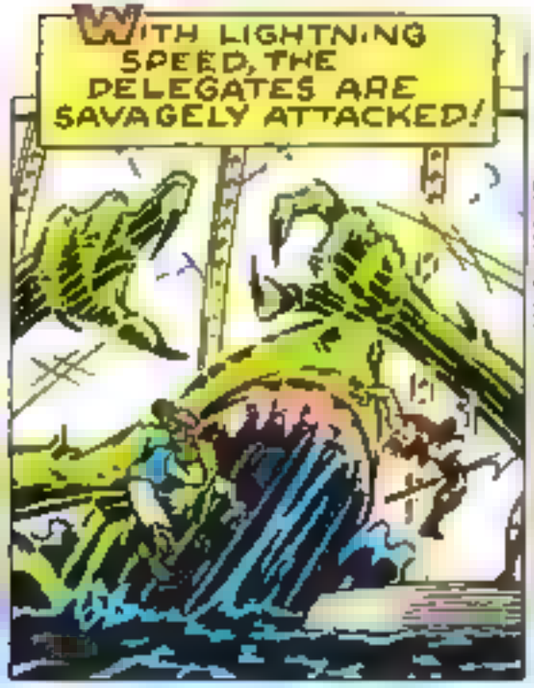

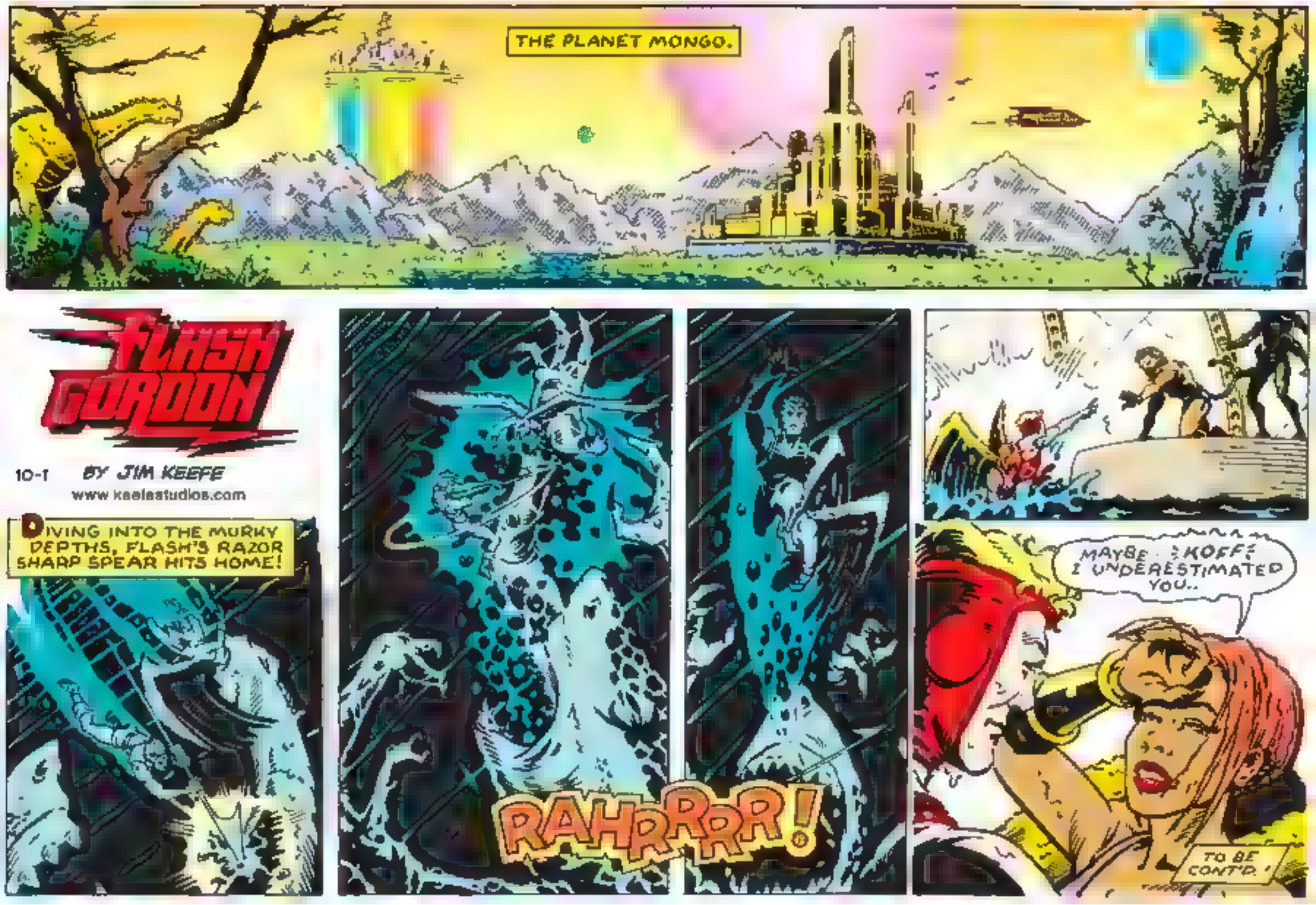
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DIVING INTO THE MURKY DEPTHS, FLASH'S RAZOR SHARP SPEAR HITS HOME!
RAHRRRR!
MAYBE... KOFF! I UNDERESTIMATED YOU..
TO BE CONT'D.

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Character Profile:
Princess Tyree
HEADSTRONG DAUGHTER OF KING VULTAN.
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IT'S BAD ENOUGH WE'RE FACING CERTAIN DEATH, BUT TO HAVE IT BROADCAST FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE.
BROADCAST...
TYREE, THE WIRES..
FLASH AND THE DELEGATES BRACE FOR THE NEXT ONSLAUGHT.
GOT IT WE CAN ELECTROCUTE THE BEAST!
ZASH!
WATCH OUT!
FLASH!
NO...!
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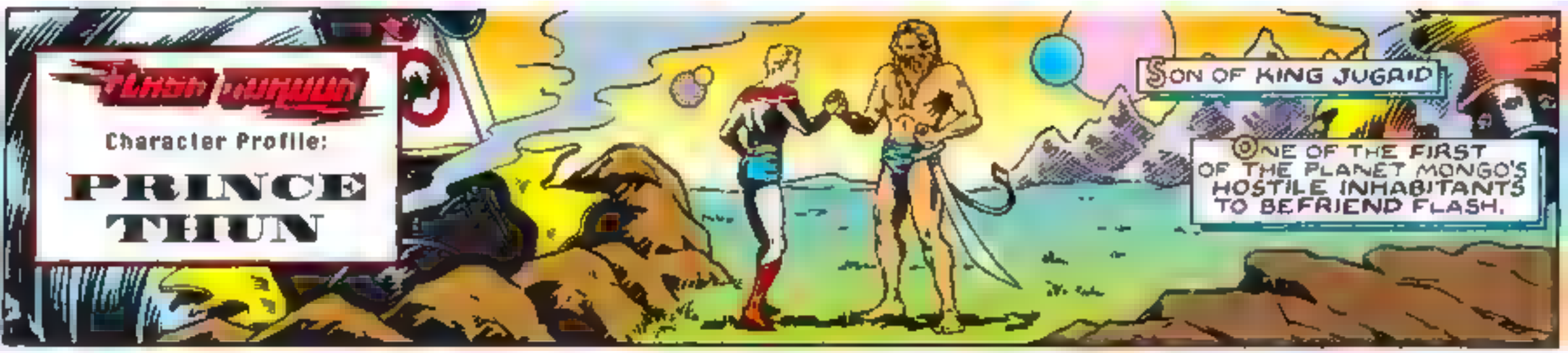
Flash Gordon
Character Profile:
PRINCE THUN
SON OF KING JUGAID
ONE OF THE FIRST OF THE PLANET MONGO'S HOSTILE INHABITANTS TO BEFRIEND FLASH.

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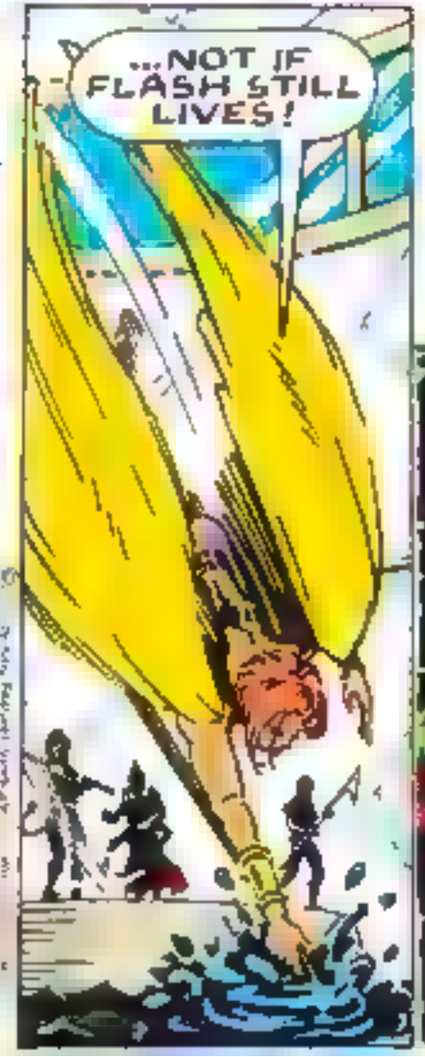
THE DELEGATES WATCH IN HORROR AS FLASH IS PULLED UNDER THE WATER'S SURFACE
IT'S TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM. DROP THE WIRE, TYREE. ELECTROCUTE THE MONSTER!
NOT YET.


...NOT IF FLASH STILL LIVES!

SHE'S DONE FOR, THUN.
QUICKLY, BEFORE THE CREATURE CAN STRIKE AGAIN...
NO...

...WE WAIT.

DROP THE WIRE!
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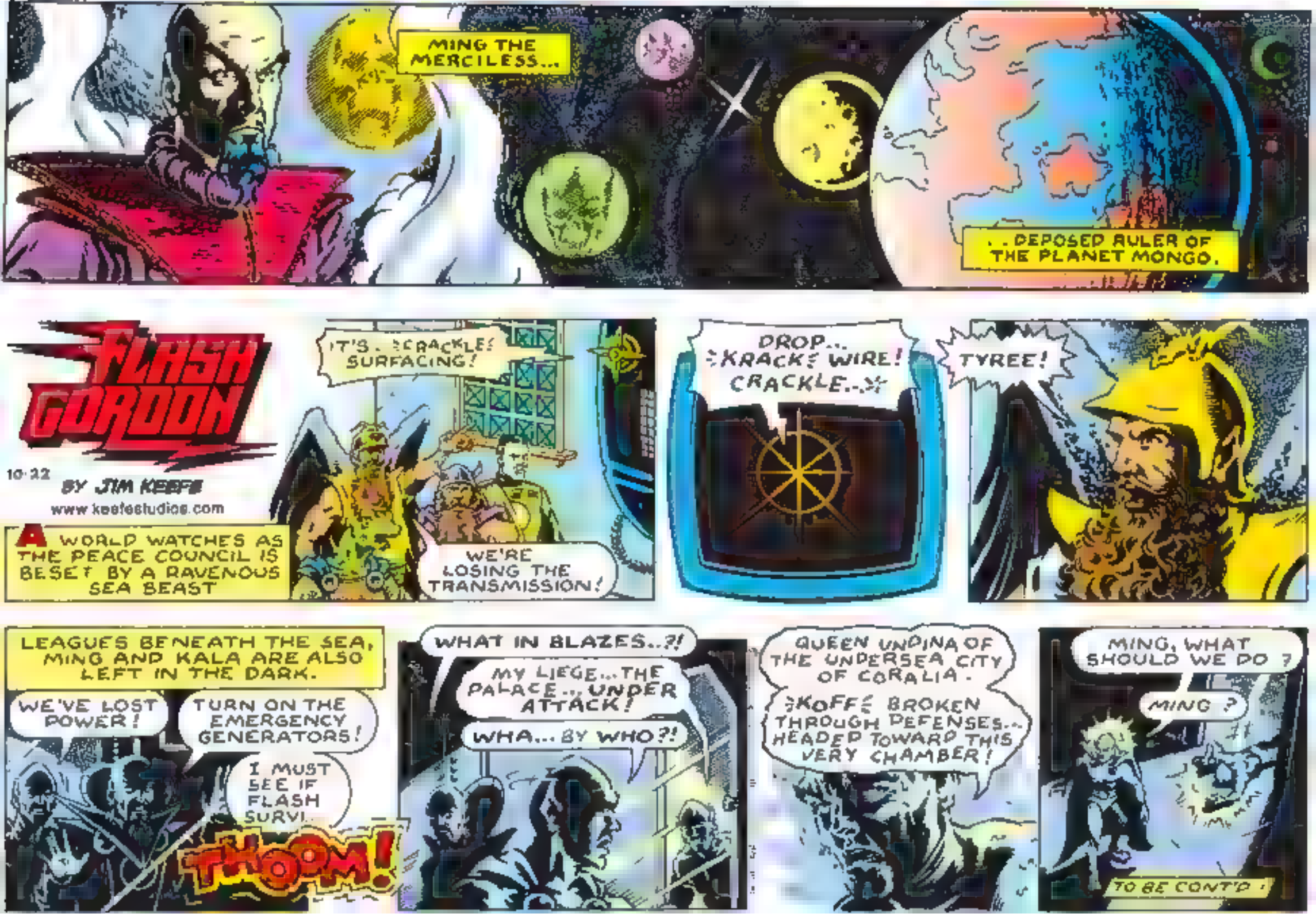
MING THE MERCILESS...
...DEPOSED RULER OF THE PLANET MONGO.
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A WORLD WATCHES AS THE PEACE COUNCIL IS BESET BY A RAVENOUS SEA BEAST
IT'S... CRACKLE SURFACING!
WE'RE LOSING THE TRANSMISSION!
DROP... KRACK WIRE! CRACKLE...
TYREE!
LEAGUES BENEATH THE SEA, MING AND KALA ARE ALSO LEFT IN THE DARK.
WE'VE LOST POWER!
TURN ON THE EMERGENCY GENERATORS!
I MUST SEE IF FLASH SURVI...
THOOM!
WHAT IN BLAZES...?!
MY LIEGE... THE PALACE... UNDER ATTACK!
WHA... BY WHO?!
QUEEN UNDINA OF THE UNDERSEA CITY OF CORALIA.
KOFF BROKEN THROUGH DEFENSES... HEADED TOWARD THIS VERY CHAMBER!
MING, WHAT SHOULD WE DO ?
MING ?
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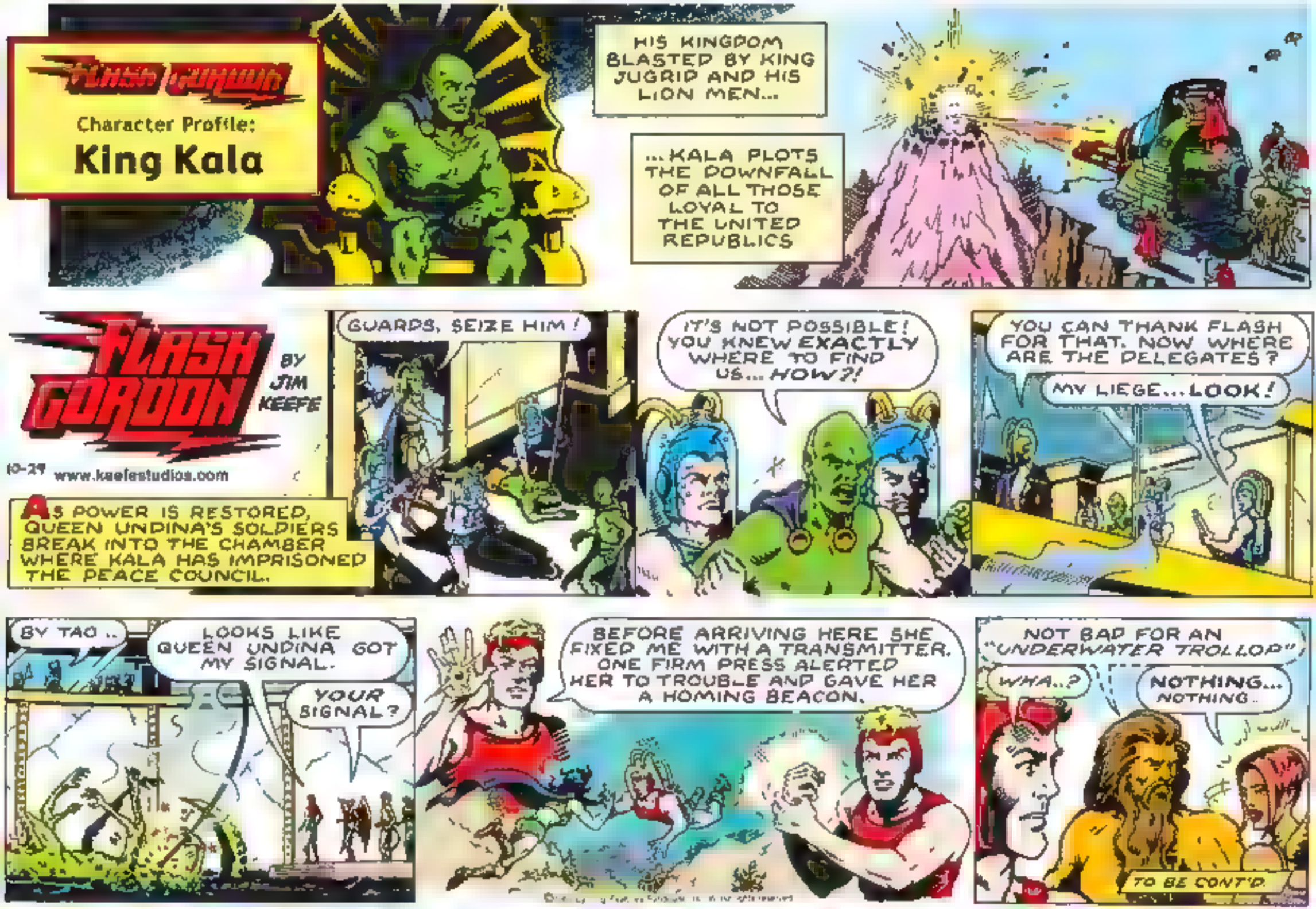
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Character Profile:
King Kala
HIS KINGDOM BLASTED BY KING JUGRID AND HIS LION MEN...
...KALA PLOTS THE DOWNFALL OF ALL THOSE LOYAL TO THE UNITED REPUBLICS
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AS POWER IS RESTORED, QUEEN UNDINA'S SOLDIERS BREAK INTO THE CHAMBER WHERE KALA HAS IMPRISONED THE PEACE COUNCIL.
GUARDS, SEIZE HIM!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! YOU KNEW EXACTLY WHERE TO FIND US... HOW?!
YOU CAN THANK FLASH FOR THAT. NOW WHERE ARE THE DELEGATES?
MY LIEGE... LOOK!
BY TAO..
LOOKS LIKE QUEEN UNDINA GOT MY SIGNAL.
YOUR SIGNAL?
BEFORE ARRIVING HERE SHE FIXED ME WITH A TRANSMITTER. ONE FIRM PRESS ALERTED HER TO TROUBLE AND GAVE HER A HOMING BEACON.
NOT BAD FOR AN "UNDERWATER TROLLOP"!
WHA..?
NOTHING... NOTHING..
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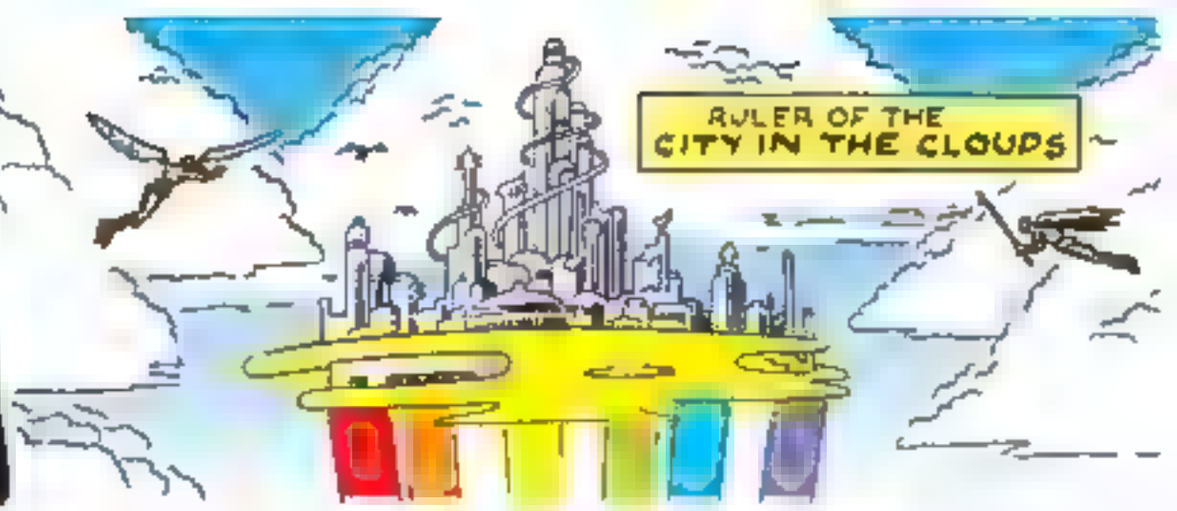

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FLASH AND THE PEACE COUNCIL RETURN TO VULTAN'S PALACE.

THANKS TO YOU, FLASH, MY LITTLE GIRL IS RETURNED SAFE AND SOUND.

AFRAID YOU'VE GOT IT BACKWARDS, VULTAN.

IF NOT FOR PRINCESS TYREE I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE.

IT WAS HER EFFORTS THAT SAVED US ALL.

AND TO THINK I HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT EVEN SENDING YOU...

PREPARE THE DINING HALL--- WE SHALL HAVE A BANQUET IN HONOR OF MY DAUGHTER!

THANK YOU...

NEXT
NEW ADVENTURE!

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HEADING BACK TO ALANIA, FLASH RECEIVES A COMMUNIQUE FROM DR ZARKOV.

URGENT NEWS, FLASH.

WHAT IS IT, DOC?

QUEEN UND NA'S TROOPS HAVE FINISHED THEIR SEARCH OF KALA'S PALACE---NO SIGN OF MING---BUT THEY DID UNCOVER AN UNSHIPPED CARGO OF ORE MINED FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR.

WHAT KIND OF ORE?

THAT'S JUST IT...

"...IT'S UNLIKE ANYTHING I'VE EVER SEEN!"

KALA HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, MY LIEGE.

NO MATTER, HE SERVED HIS PURPOSE.

WHAT OF THE SHIPMENTS?

WE HAVE ALL THE SUPPLY WE NEED--AND NO WAY TO TRACE IT TO OUR LOCATION.

BEST SAVOR YOUR INSIGNIFICANT VICTORY WHILE YOU CAN, GORDON...

...FOR SOON PLANET EARTH WILL BE MINE!

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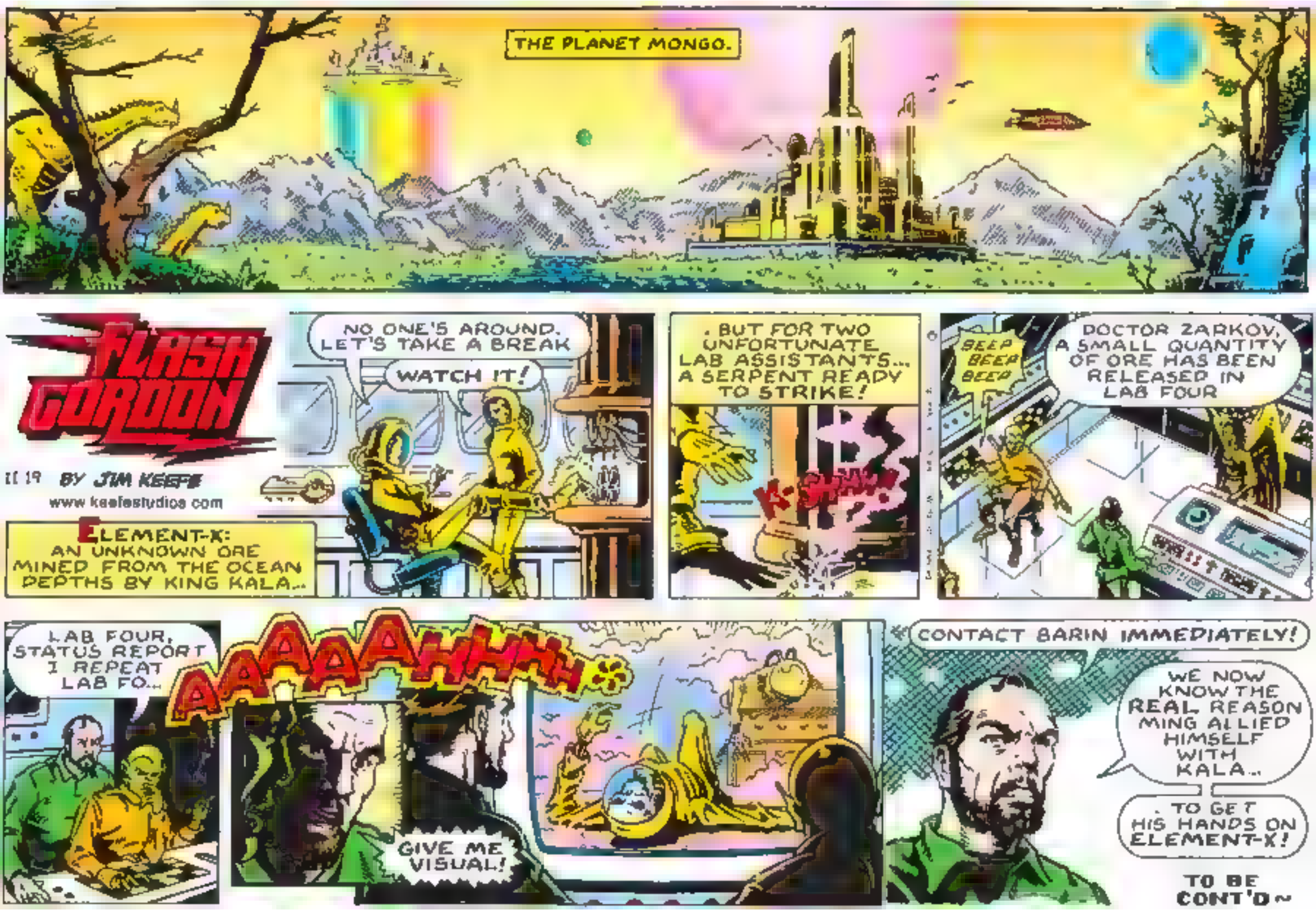
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ELEMENT-X: AN UNKNOWN ORE MINED FROM THE OCEAN DEPTHS BY KING KALA...
NO ONE'S AROUND. LET'S TAKE A BREAK
WATCH IT!
. BUT FOR TWO UNFORTUNATE LAB ASSISTANTS... A SERPENT READY TO STRIKE!
SHAK
BEEP BEEP BEEP
DOCTOR ZARKOV, A SMALL QUANTITY OF ORE HAS BEEN RELEASED IN LAB FOUR
LAB FOUR, STATUS REPORT I REPEAT LAB FO...
AAAAAAHHHH
GIVE ME VISUAL!
CONTACT BARIN IMMEDIATELY!
WE NOW KNOW THE REAL REASON MING ALLIED HIMSELF WITH KALA...
. TO GET HIS HANDS ON ELEMENT-X!
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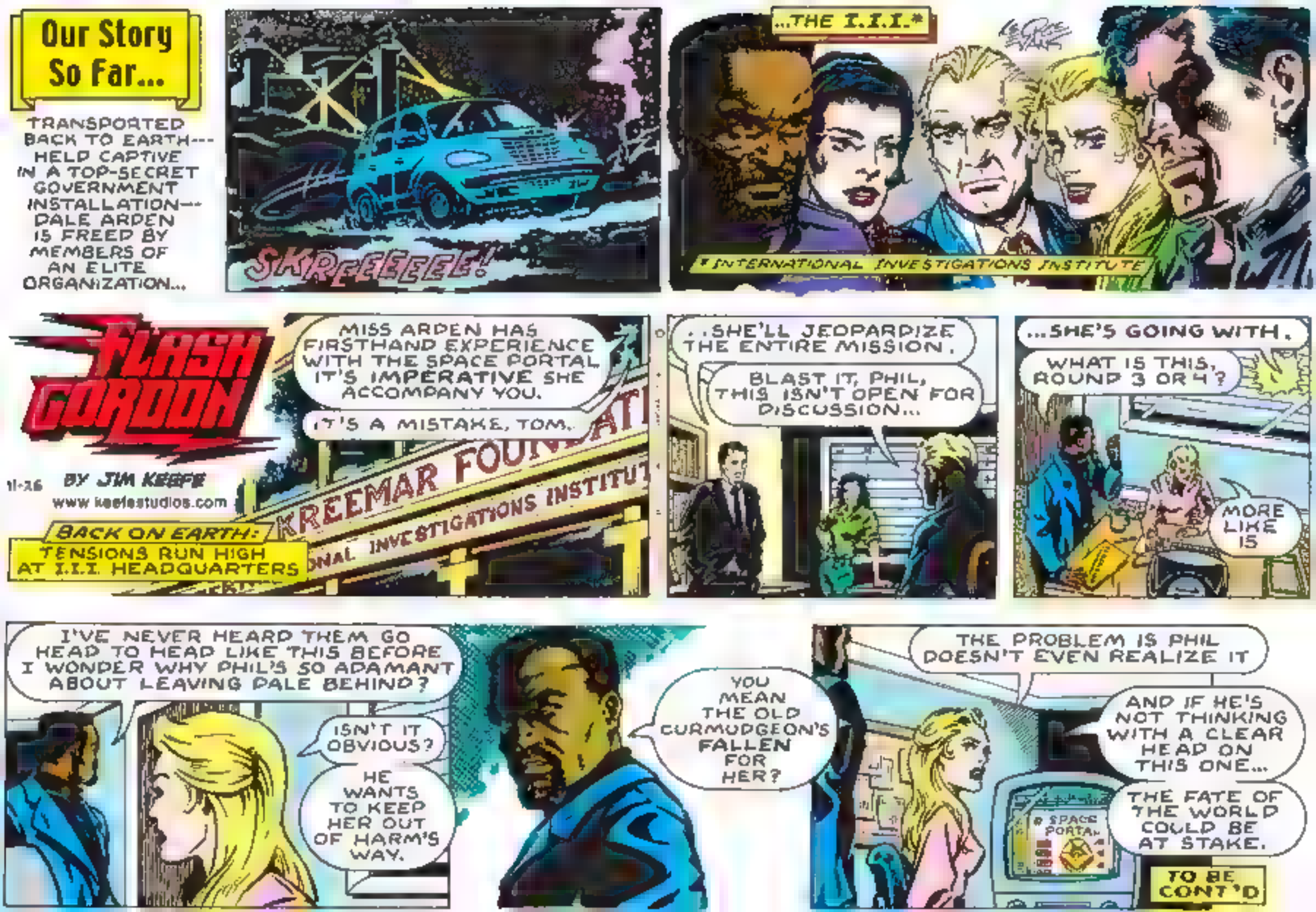
Our Story So Far...
TRANSPORTED BACK TO EARTH--- HELD CAPTIVE IN A TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION--- DALE ARDEN IS FREED BY MEMBERS OF AN ELITE ORGANIZATION...
SKREEEEEE!
...THE I.I.I.*
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BACK ON EARTH: TENSIONS RUN HIGH AT I.I.I. HEADQUARTERS
MISS ARDEN HAS FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE WITH THE SPACE PORTAL. IT'S IMPERATIVE SHE ACCOMPANY YOU.
IT'S A MISTAKE, TOM.
KREEMAR FOUNDATI
ONAL INVESTIGATIONS INSTITUT
..SHE'LL JEOPARDIZE THE ENTIRE MISSION.
BLAST IT, PHIL, THIS ISN'T OPEN FOR DISCUSSION...
...SHE'S GOING WITH.
WHAT IS THIS, ROUND 3 OR 4?
MORE LIKE 15
I'VE NEVER HEARD THEM GO HEAD TO HEAD LIKE THIS BEFORE I WONDER WHY PHIL'S SO ADAMANT ABOUT LEAVING DALE BEHIND?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
HE WANTS TO KEEP HER OUT OF HARM'S WAY.
YOU MEAN THE OLD CURMUDGEON'S FALLEN FOR HER?
THE PROBLEM IS PHIL DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE IT
AND IF HE'S NOT THINKING WITH A CLEAR HEAD ON THIS ONE...
THE FATE OF THE WORLD COULD BE AT STAKE.
SPACE PORTAL
TO BE CONT'D

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Character Profile:

Dale Arden

AN AIRPLANE IS TORN ASUNDER BY A FREAK METEOR SHOWER!

THAT FATEFUL FLIGHT BRINGS RAVEN-HAIRED BEAUTY DALE ARDEN INTO THE ARMS OF WORLD-RENOWNED ATHLETE FLASH GORDON.

SINCE THEN THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN BOUND TOGETHER... FACING ADVENTURES UNDREAMED OF IN THE HOPES OF SAVING A WORLD ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION!

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BACK ON EARTH:

NIGHT FALLS OUTSIDE A COVERT GOVERNMENT RESEARCH FACILITY.

WHAT'S YOUR STATUS, X-9?

WE'VE REACHED THE INNER CHAMBER...

THE DEVICE HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS INACTIVE, SO SECURITY'S A JOKE

THEN WE'RE ALL IN MORE DANGER THAN INITIALLY SUSPECTED.

WHAT'S DALE'S ASSESSMENT?

THIS MONITORING SYSTEM IS ANTIQUATED NEXT TO MONGO TECHNOLOGY.

THE PORTAL COULD BE WIDE OPEN AND IT WOULDN'T EVEN SET OFF AN ALARM

THEN WE HAVE NO CHOICE, THE RISK IS TOO GREAT...

PROCEEDING WITH PHASE TWO.

PREPARING EXPLOS!

ZASK!

RRRAHR!

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CHARACTER PROFILE:

SECRET AGENT X-9

WRITTEN BY DASHIELL HAMMETT AND ILLUSTRATED BY ALEX RAYMOND, "SECRET AGENT X-9" FIRST APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS ON JANUARY 22, 1934.

DURING RAYMOND'S TENURE ON "SECRET AGENT X-9" HE WORKED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON TWO OTHER COMIC STRIPS...

...INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURER "JUNGLE JIM" AND A SCI-FI STRIP CALLED "FLASH GORDON".

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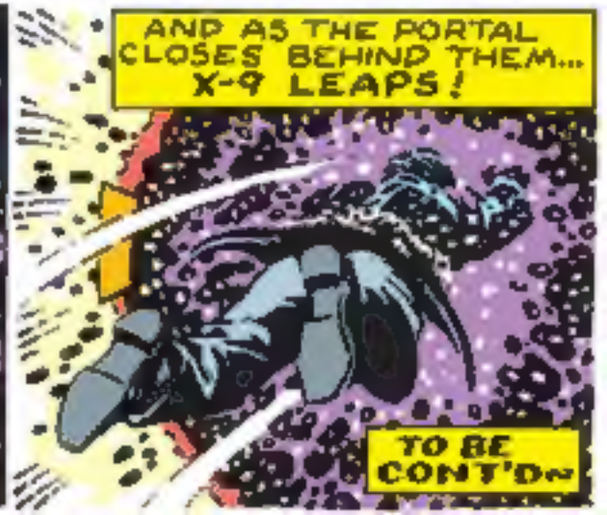
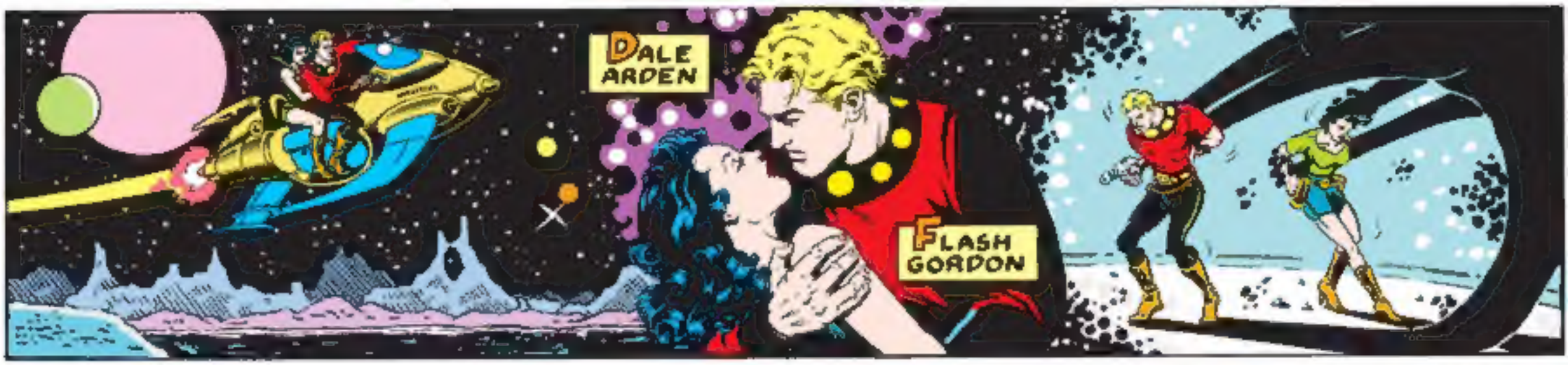
JUST AS AGENT X-9 PREPARES TO PLACE AN EXPLOSIVE ON THE SPACE PORTAL, THE DEVICE OPENS... UNLEASHING A DYNAMO OF FURY!





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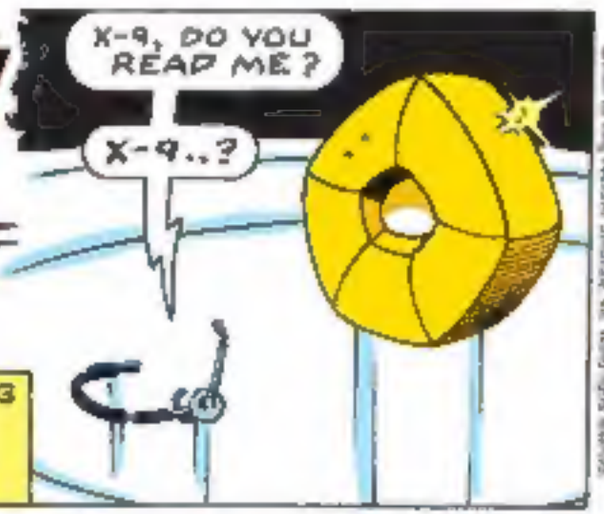

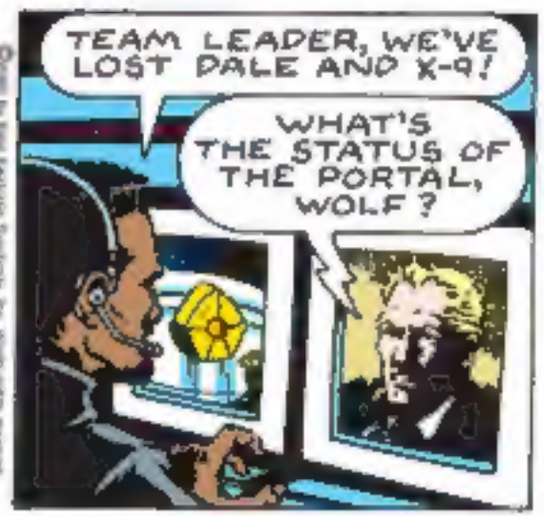

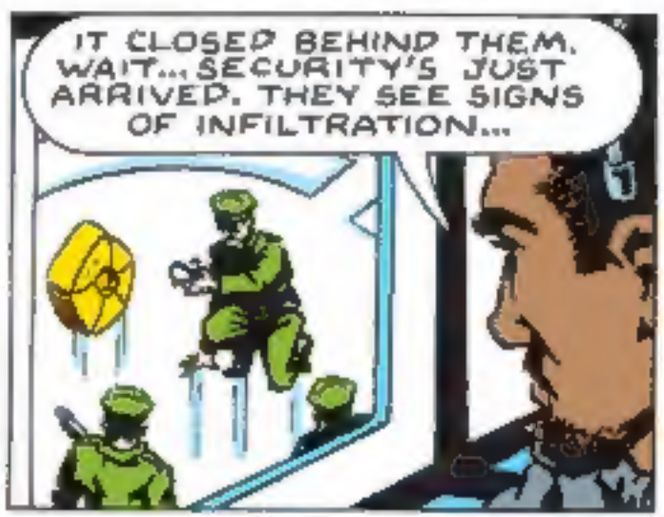

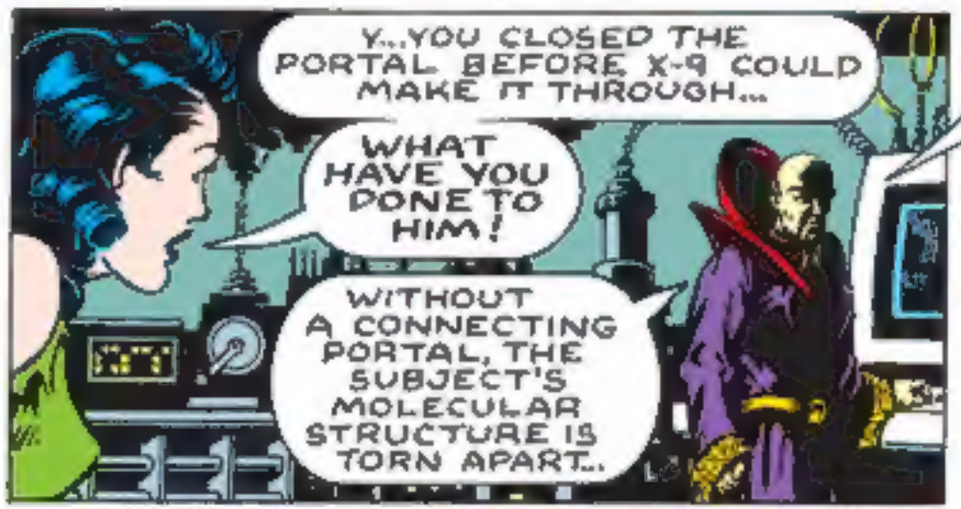

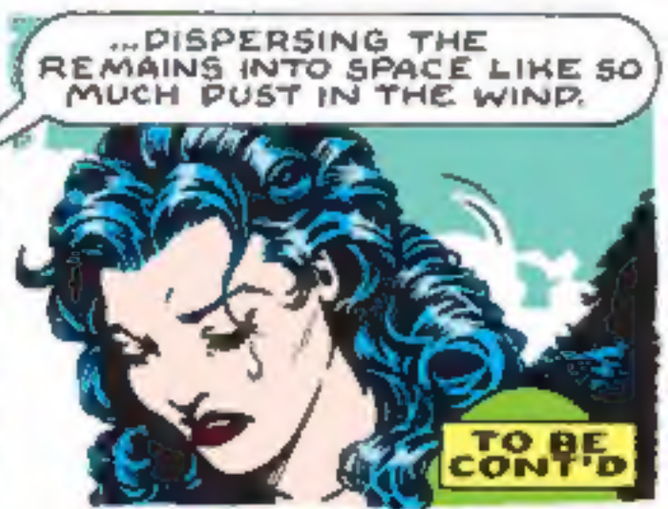

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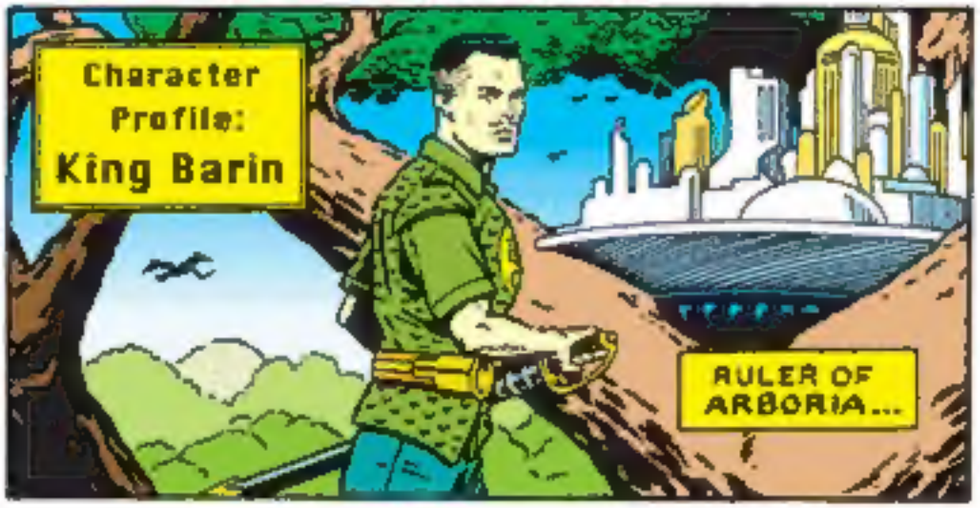

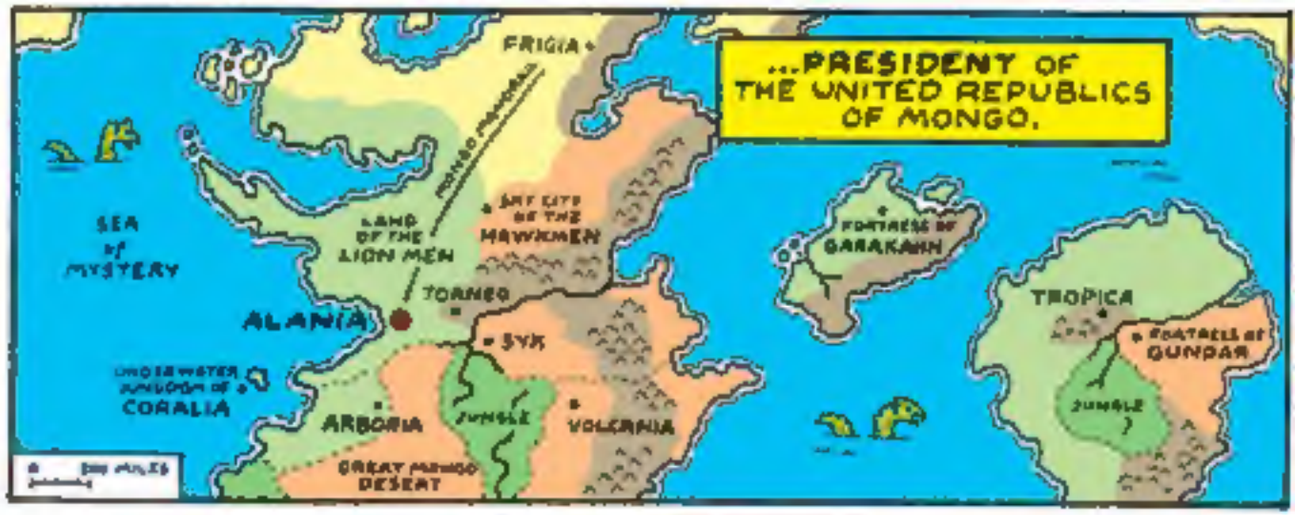

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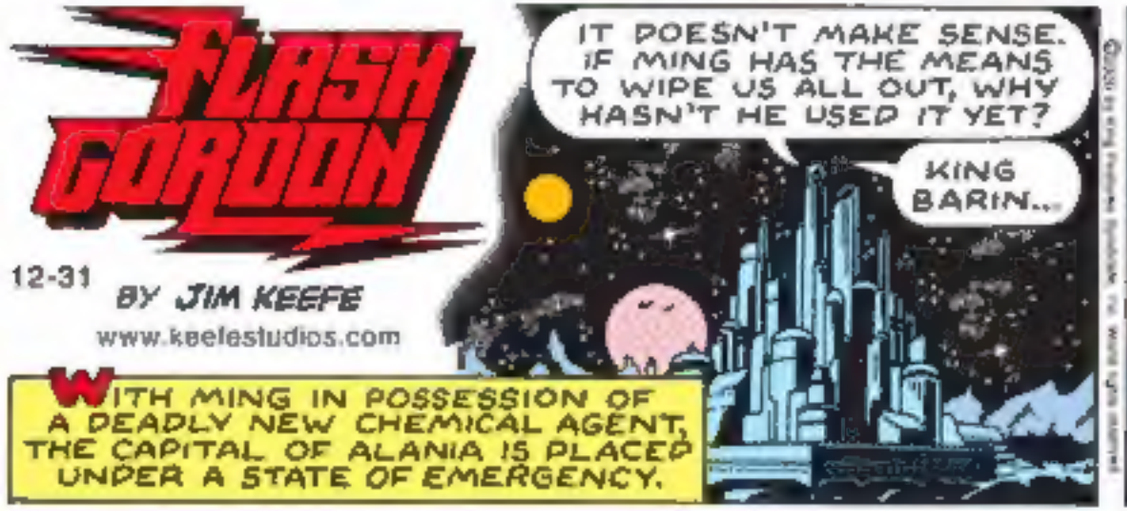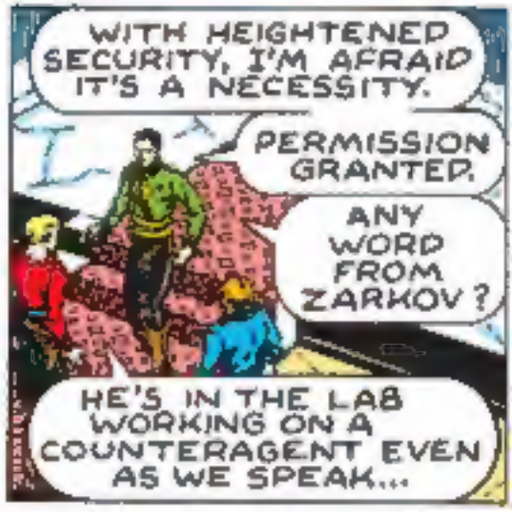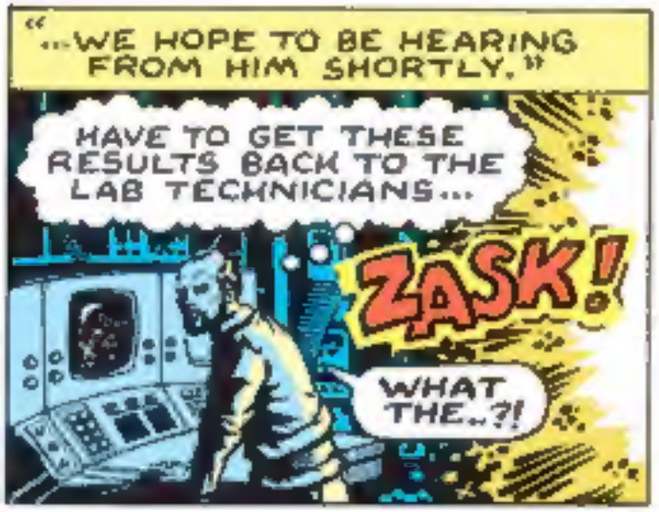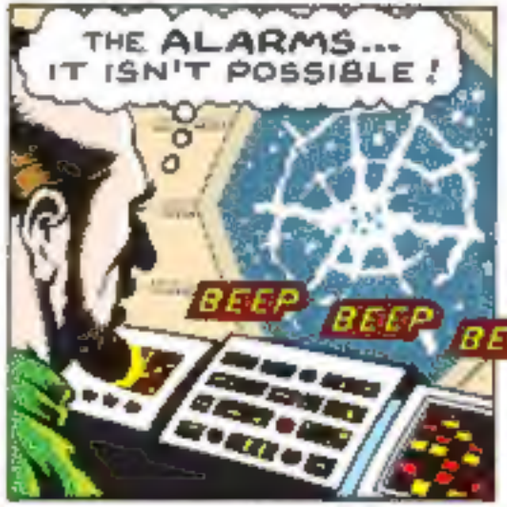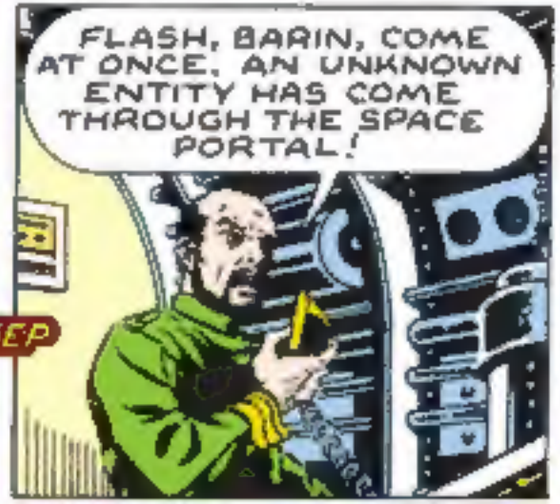
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